



50 CENT SAYS:

'I DON'T WANT TO BE 20 CENT' Under Biden tax plan



NY Post: Charles Wenzelberg

Rapper 50 Cent said yesterday that he's backing President Trump because he opposes Joe Biden's plan to hit higher earners with big tax increases. A new analysis says that, under the Biden plan, high earners would face an effective tax rate of more than 62 percent in New York City and a rate of 60 percent in New Jersey.

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PLUS How Joe
will sock NYC

Gov: Curb trips to neighbor states

Gov. Cuomo on Tuesday urged residents of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania to avoid all but essential travel between the states because of a spike in coronavirus cases.

Cuomo said “non-essential” cross-border travel in the region “should be avoided.”

It’s a sticky situation because the three states had agreed to a regional travel advisory that requires residents of other states with high COVID-19 infections to

quarantine upon arrival. New York also requires foreigners at airports to fill out contact-tracing forms.

Any state that averages a 10 percent or higher positive-infection rate on a seven-day rolling average, or if the number of positive cases recorded exceeds 10 for every 10,000 residents over seven days, are required to quarantine.

Cuomo said that New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania are now among the 43 states that exceed the threshold —

although he said their residents will not be required to quarantine upon entry to New York because there is too much commuting and commerce between the states.

“Connecticut and New Jersey have seen spikes in infection. I’m gonna be speaking with the governors today about how we can help them with their spikes,” the governor said.

*Carl Campanile
and Bernadette Hogan*



Reuters

Schoolkid viral test results on low end

A total of 2,056 city kids have tested positive for the coronavirus since Sept. 1, with an infection rate of 2 percent, new figures show.

According to lab results submitted to the state, 104,206 kids aged 5 to 17 — including private, religious, public- and charter-school students — have been screened for COVID-19 in that time span.

From Oct. 13 through Monday, 23,217 kids were tested and 419 were positive, a 1.8 percent infection rate.

Mayor de Blasio previously set a 3 percent citywide infection rate as a trigger for new school closures.

Department of Education schools are separately required to relay student COVID-19 cases reported by families, teachers and labs to the city for confirmation and be-gan doing so on Sept. 8.

As of Monday, the city has counted 527 cases — 226 students and 301 teachers and staffers, according to the data.

As part of de Blasio’s school-reopening plan, between 10 and 20 percent of school populations are being randomly tested each month to guard against outbreaks.

The DOE started that process on Oct. 9 and tested 5,829 students and 10,519 staff members over the subsequent week.

A total of 20 employees and eight students came up positive for a minimal infection rate of 0.17 percent.

A DOE spokesperson said the initial returns on in-school testing were grounds for optimism and that the wider city numbers were not indicative of the current state of DOE buildings. *Selim Algar*

Blas olive branch to ultra-Orthodox Jews

By JULIA MARSH
City Hall Bureau Chief

Mayor de Blasio offered a rare mea culpa Tuesday to ultra-Orthodox Jewish leaders in Brooklyn and Queens, saying he didn’t clearly explain coronavirus regulations to the community that’s now under a second lockdown because of rising infection rates.

“I certainly got very frustrated at times when I saw large groups of people still out without masks, but I think more dialogue would have been better, so I certainly want to express my regret that I didn’t figure out how to do that better,” de Blasio said Tuesday during a City Hall press briefing.

Hizzoner met with community leaders Monday night in what he described as a “positive reset” of their relationship, which had soured during the shutdown because some conservatively devout Jews felt they were being singled out with restrictions due to their religion.

De Blasio said the leaders dis-



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“I think more dialogue would have been better, so I certainly want to express my regret that I didn’t figure out how to do that better.”

— Mayor de Blasio, on his pandemic leadership.

cussed how “painful” and “confusing” the pandemic has been for many members of their community, which has suffered disproportionately high rates of COVID-19 infection and death.

The participants included Rabbi David Zweibel, Rabbi David Niederman and Rabbi Boruch Bender, a City Hall spokesman said.

He blamed the confusion on “so

many mixed messages from Washington, DC,” without mentioning the conflicting signals he and Gov. Cuomo have sent about the pandemic.

“They need to know that we as the city government understand their suffering, understand the difficulties the community has gone through, understand the fears that people have rightfully of discrimi-

nation, and that we need to hear each other more and understand each other more,” de Blasio said.

“The No. 1 takeaway from the meeting was more dialogue, more communication, is the way forward,” de Blasio said.

He also apologized again for sending a controversial tweet in April slamming a huge funeral in Williamsburg, Brooklyn — held for a rabbi who died of COVID-19 — even though organizers claimed the mayor had approved the gathering.

Still, Brooklyn Democratic Councilman Chaim Deutsch, who represents three ZIP codes caught in the second lockdown, says he hasn’t been able to get the mayor to return his messages.

“I’m glad he spoke to some community leaders, but I’m still waiting for a call back,” Deutsch told The Post.

“I’m here. I want to help. But if I can’t get ahold of anyone in leadership to communicate, then it’s a problem.”

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'CROWN' AFFAIR

Di, Charles & Camilla 'air' it all out

By JANE RIDLEY

It's the most notorious love triangle in modern history — the one that caused Princess Diana to famously say: "There were three of us in this marriage."

Now they're back together, at least in fiction, with the actors who portray Diana, Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles in the new season of Netflix's hit show "The Crown" posing together in a bucolic English garden.

The three — featured on the cover of November's Town & Country magazine — appear in the hit drama's fourth season set for release Nov. 15.

Newcomer Emma Corrin (far left), 24, stars as virginal royal bride Diana while Josh O'Connor, 30, and Emerald Fennell, 35, reprise their parts as the future British king and his mistress.

Diana and Charles were wed for 15 years, though Charles resumed his affair with Camilla (inset photos from top) five years into the partnership.

Diana divorced him in 1996 and died in a car crash in Paris in 1997 at the age of 36. Charles and Camilla eventually went public two years later and married in 2005.

If Charles accedes to the throne, the 73-year-old Camilla will be known not as the queen, but as "the princess consort."

Speaking to Town & Country, Corrin expressed sympathy for her ill-fated character, who entered the House of Windsor in 1981 at the tender age of 20.

"The coldness, the traditions and the expectations of behavior . . . I don't think she expected that," Corrin said. "I think she expected to join a family."

Meanwhile, Fennell revealed that she'd been eyeing the chance to play Camilla since the series began in the fall of 2016.

"There's a personality type which goes with it [the role]," said Fennell before describing Camilla as "languid, but actively so."



TOWN&COUNTRY

THE BIDEN FILES

FB's Chinese censor team

CHINA is one of the most censorious societies on earth. So what better place for Facebook to recruit social-media censors?

There are at least half a dozen "Chinese nationals who are working on censorship," a former Facebook insider told me last week. "So at some point, they [Facebook bosses] thought, 'Hey, we're going to get them H-1B visas so they can do this work.'"

The insider shared an internal directory of the team that does much of this work. It's called Hate-Speech Engineering (George Orwell, call your office), and most of its members are based at Facebook's offices in Seattle. Many have Ph.D.s, and their work is extremely complex, involving machine learning — teaching "computers how to learn and act without being explicitly programmed," as the techy Web site DeepAI.org puts it.

When it comes to censorship on social media, that means "teaching" the Facebook code so certain content ends up at the top of your newsfeed, a feat that earns the firm's software wizards discretionary bonuses, per the ex-insider. It also means making sure other content "shows up dead-last."

Like, say, a New York Post report on the Biden dynasty's dealings with Chinese companies.

To illustrate the mechanics, the insider took me as his typical Facebook user: "They take what Sohrab sees, and then they throw the newsfeed list into a machine-learning algorithm and neural networks that determine the ranking of the items."

Facebook engineers test hundreds of different iterations of the rankings to shape an optimal outcome — and root out what bosses call "borderline content."

It all makes for perhaps the most chillingly sophisticated censorship mechanism in human history. "What they don't do is ban a specific pro-Trump hashtag," says the ex-insider. Instead, "content that is a little too conservative, they will down-rank. You can't tell it's censored."

I won't share the names of the Facebook employees in question. The point isn't to spotlight individuals, but to show how foreign nationals from a state that still bans Facebook have their hands on the levers of social-media censorship here in America.

SOHRAB AHMARI



The Hate-Speech Engineering team's staff includes a research scientist based at the Seattle office who earned his master's degree

in computer engineering from the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing, according to his LinkedIn profile.

Another member of the team, a software engineer for machine learning based in Seattle, earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in computer science from Jilin University in northeast China. Still another, an engineering manager, earned his bachelor's in computer science at Nanjing University in eastern China.

Another software engineer previously worked for the Communist-backed conglomerate Huawei, as well as the Beijing National Railway & Design Institute of Signal and Communication. I reached out to all six employees; two replied to confirm that they are Chinese nationals but refused to comment further; the rest didn't reply.

Plenty of Big Tech firms, of course, recruit their foreign specialists from China, India and elsewhere, and many of these workers hope to resettle in the United States permanently and share the American Dream.

But some may not, and the trouble is that the society they might return to already deploys one of the most comprehensive and fine-tuned intellectual-control mechanisms on its own population. What's to stop Facebook's Chinese engineers from delivering their Facebook expertise to Xi Jinping? Globalists thought that engaging with China would make that country more open; I fear it's making us more restrictive.

A Facebook spokesperson denied that these employees influence broader policies. Yet, as Sen. Marco Rubio (R-Fla.) put it in an e-mail to me, these revelations are yet "another indication that Big Tech is no longer deserving" of statutory protections that render it immune to a publisher's liabilities. Big Tech critic Sen. Josh Hawley (R-Mo.), meanwhile, said "this is all the more reason for the Senate to demand that Mark Zuckerberg — under oath and before the election — give an account of what Facebook has been up to."

Sohrab Ahmari is The Post's op-ed editor. This is his second column based on conversations with a Facebook insider.



Hunter, Joe & the oligarch

By EBONY BOWDEN

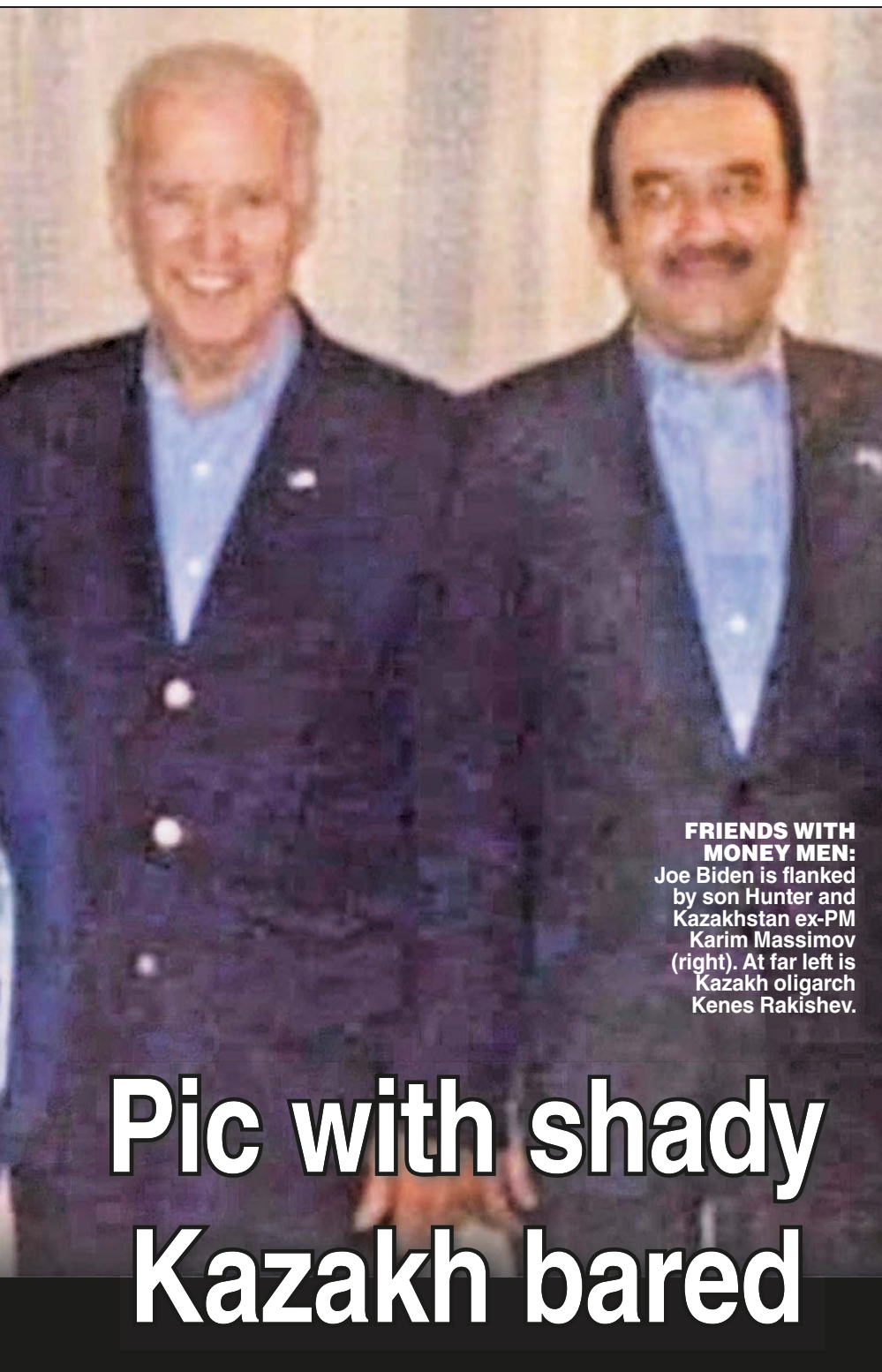
A photograph has emerged of Joe Biden posing with son Hunter and Kenes Rakishev, a Kazakh oligarch who reportedly worked with the former veep's scandal-scarred son.

The snap, first published by a Kazakh anti-corruption Web site in 2019, follows last week's bombshell Post exposés detailing Hunter Biden's overseas business dealings and a report claiming Rakishev paid the Biden scion as a go-between to broker US investments.

In the undated photo (above), shared by the Kazakhstan Initiative on Asset Recovery, the former vice president can be seen smiling with Hunter, Kazakhstan former Prime Minister Karim Massimov (right) and Rakishev.

A Daily Mail report published Friday detailed Hunter's alleged work with Rakishev, claiming Hunter dined regularly with the Kazakh businessman and attempted to facilitate investment for the oligarch's cash in New York, Washington, DC, and a Nevada mining company.

But Rakishev, who enjoys close ties to



FRIENDS WITH MONEY MEN: Joe Biden is flanked by son Hunter and Kazakhstan ex-PM Karim Massimov (right). At far left is Kazakh oligarch Kenes Rakishev.

Pic with shady Kazakh bared

Kazakhstan's kleptocratic former President Nursultan Nazarbayev, reportedly ran into trouble when Western business partners realized that the opaque origins of Rakishev's reported \$300 million fortune could become a "liability," per the Mail.

The photo's authenticity has not been independently verified but comes as the family faces growing scrutiny over Hunter Biden's overseas business interests while the elder Biden was President Barack Obama's vice president.

The Post published e-mails last week indicating Hunter introduced his father

to Ukrainian energy executive Vadym Pozharskyi before the veep pressured Ukrainian government officials to fire the prosecutor involved in a probe of Pozharskyi's company, Burisma, a year later.

Biden's campaign denied that the septuagenarian candidate had an "official" meeting with Pozharskyi but later conceded not being able to rule out that a meeting may have happened.

Other e-mails believed to be from Hunter Biden showed him leveraging links with his influential dad to boost Hunter's pay as a Burisma board member.

Journo rips media 'cone of silence'

By MARK MOORE

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Glenn Greenwald ripped what he labeled the mainstream media's "cone of silence" for failing to report on The Post's Hunter Biden exposé.

"Is there a single journalist willing to say with a straight face they believe the e-mails relating to the Bidens are either fabricated or otherwise fraudulently altered, but the Bidens just aren't saying so?" Greenwald, the founder of The Intercept, said in a series of tweets Monday.

"There has to be some

limits to your willingness to go to bat for them."

The Post's stories, the first of which was published last Wednesday, reveal a trove of e-mails found on a laptop Hunter Biden left at a Wilmington, Del., computer store in April 2019.

One e-mail to Hunter from an adviser to the board of Burisma thanked him for the "opportunity" to meet his father.

At the time, Hunter Biden served on the board and his father was Barack Obama's vice president.

The elder Biden, the now-Democratic presidential nominee, had pre-

viously said he never discussed his son's overseas dealings with Hunter.

Other e-mails show Joe Biden may have been positioned to profit off his son's business arrangements in China after leaving the Obama administration.

"I don't think that the e-mails — so far — reveal a huge scandal. They so far just establish standard sleaze and DC corruption. The huge scandal to me is the blatant rank-closing and cone of silence — a prohibition — erected *by journalists* around this story to defend Biden," Greenwald wrote.

Post exposé big on Twit', FB

Twitter's and Facebook's censorship of The Post's exposé about Hunter Biden's business dealings in Ukraine propelled the story to the top of those platforms last week, according to a report Tuesday.

The story generated 2.59 million interactions (likes, comments and shares) on Facebook and Twitter — more than double the next-biggest story about President Trump or former Vice President Joe Biden, Axios reported, citing data analyzed by NewsWhip.

Stories about Hunter Biden, the reactions and how social media responded were five of the 10 biggest stories.

It was the sixth-most-engaged article for the month — behind Trump testing positive for the coronavirus and legendary guitarist Eddie Van Halen's death.

Mark Moore

Dorsey, Zuck on grill soon

The Senate Judiciary Committee is expected to take action Thursday on subpoenas to Twitter and Facebook CEOs Jack Dorsey and Mark Zuckerberg to testify about their companies' actions restricting The Post's exposé about Hunter Biden's dealings in Ukraine, according to a report.

The subpoenas would compel the honchos' testimony on the "suppression and/or censorship" of two articles involving Joe Biden's son and information about content moderation practices, The Washington Times reported.

The motion, did not identify a date for the CEOs' testimony, but they are expected to come before Election Day on Nov. 3, according to the outlet.

Yaron Steinbuch
and Ebony Bowden

DOJ: This isn't Russia disinfo

The Department of Justice agrees with spy chief John Ratcliffe's assessment that e-mails published by The Post from a laptop purportedly owned by Hunter Biden are not part of a disinformation effort by Russia.

In a story Tuesday confirming that the FBI is in possession of the MacBook from which the e-mails were copied, Fox News said it also

"has learned that the FBI and Justice Department officials concur with an assessment from Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe that the laptop is not part of a Russian disinformation campaign."

The first story The Post published about the e-mails last week included a photo of a Delaware federal subpoena that shows the com-

puter and its hard drive were seized by the FBI in December, after a computer repairman said he had alerted federal authorities of their existence.

On Monday, Ratcliffe said, "Let me be clear: The intelligence community doesn't believe [the Russia theory] because there is no intelligence that supports that."

Ben Feuerherd

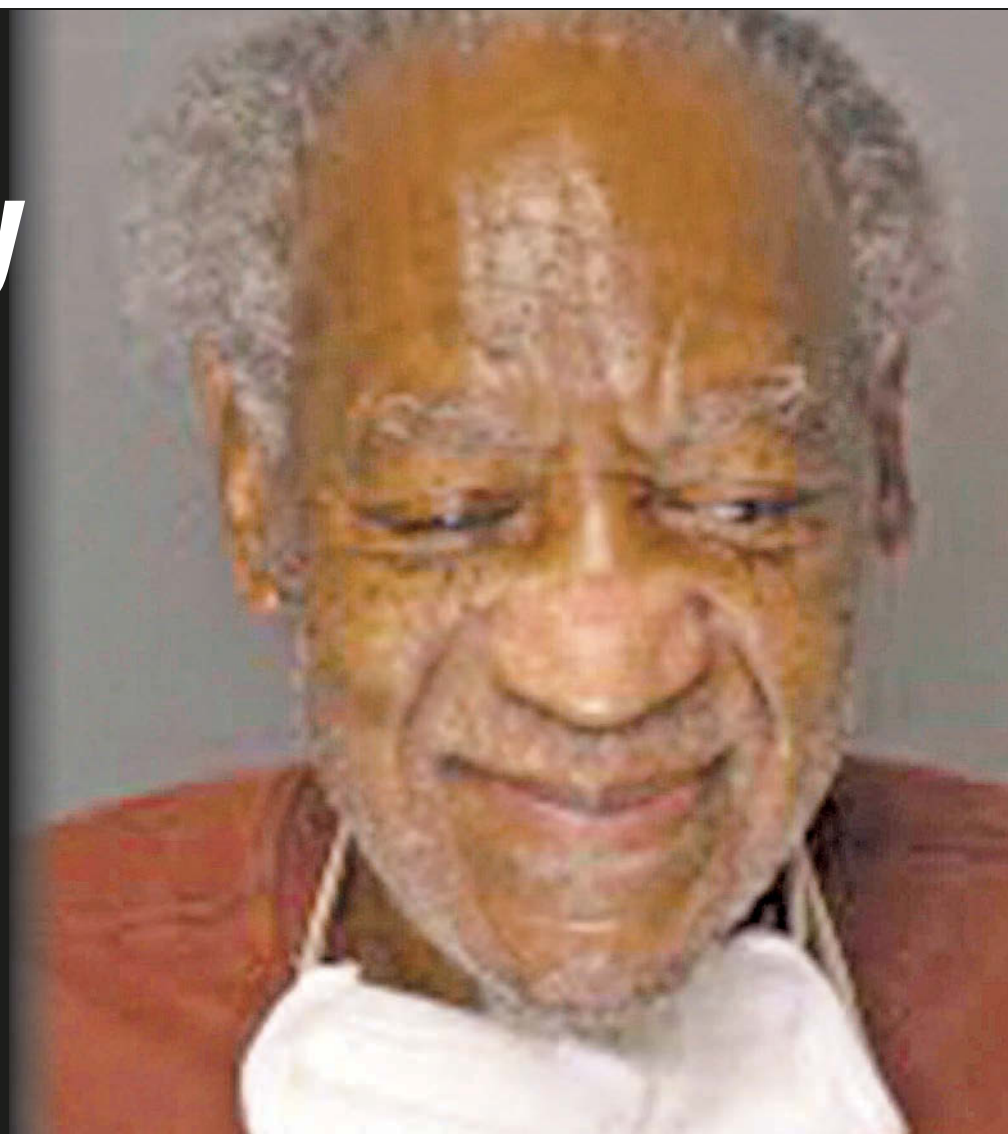
Portrait of a dirty old man

His new mug shot is as creepy as he is.

America's favorite-dad-turned-convicted-sex-offender Bill Cosby had a new prison photo taken — and in it, he wears an eerie, grizzled grin as he looks down, with his face mask around his neck.

Officials at the maximum-security State Correctional Institution in Collegeville, Pa. — where the 83-year-old fallen superstar is doing three to 10 years for sexually assaulting Andrea Constand — told TMZ that prisoners get new mug shots every once in a while as their appearance changes and that Cosby was due for one.

The snap of the accused serial sex predator was taken on Sept. 4. *Kate Sheehy*



Don tweets 'unofficial'

White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows said Tuesday in a federal court filing that President Trump's tweets were not official orders to declassify FBI Russia probe documents.

Meadows wrote under penalty of perjury that he "conferred with the President concerning his intentions with respect to two statements he made on Twitter on October 6, 2020."

Those tweets reflected Trump's impatience for release of information about the FBI's unsuccessful search for evidence that he colluded with Russia in 2016, as the Justice Department began signaling that Connecticut US Attorney John Durham will not release a report detailing misconduct before the Nov. 3 election.

"The President indicated to me that his statements on Twitter were not self-executing declassification orders and do not require the declassification or release of any particular documents, including the FD-302 reports of witness interviews prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with the investigation conducted by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, III," Meadows wrote in the DC court filing. *Steven Nelson*

Armed heist at Qns. den

A trio wearing masks and wielding pistols and a shotgun pushed their way into an underground Queens casino Tuesday morning and zip-tied all the customers before cleaning out the place of more than \$20,000 in cash and goods, police and sources said.

The six victims in Le Chao, at 131-59 Fowler Ave., told cops they were playing video games when the robbers barged in and ordered them to get on the floor around 12:45 a.m., cops said. The three robbers bound their victims' hands with zip ties and stole all their property. The victims ranged in age from 23 to 34, cops said.

Police sources said the business was an illegal casino. *Tina Moore*

Khashoggi-slay suit

The fiancée of slain Washington Post journalist Jamal Khashoggi has filed a federal lawsuit in the hopes of holding Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman accountable for his brutal murder.

The suit, filed Tuesday in Washington on behalf of Hatice Cengiz, accuses the Saudi kingdom's de facto leader of personally ordering the execution. *Tamar Lapin*

'Consensual' sex cult

Nxivm big never pressured, star says

By REBECCA ROSENBERG and TAMAR LAPIN

"Battlestar Galactica" actress Nicki Clyne says Nxivm leader Keith Raniere didn't need to create a sex cult to get laid — and she should know.

The Canadian star, 37, was one of dozens of Nxivm adherents whose letters of support for Raniere were unsealed in Brooklyn federal court ahead of his sentencing for sex-trafficking next week.

Despite Raniere's (top inset) conviction for running a master-slave group where prosecutors say women were forced to pleasure him, Clyne (lower) argued in her letter it was "absurd" to say it "was created for Keith to have sex partners."

"I find this idea completely ab-

surd and even offensive — as a woman and a partner of Keith's for over a decade," she wrote.

"I have never known Keith to want intimacy with someone who doesn't want it, and it's a ridiculous notion to think he would have gone to all that trouble for sex."

The actress has previously been identified by federal prosecutors as having been a part of Raniere's "inner circle" or "first-line masters" in the secret group, called DOS — along with her wife, former "Smallville" star Allison Mack.

Clyne has not faced any charges in the scheme, while Mack last year pleaded guilty to racketeering and

conspiracy charges, including extortion and forced labor.

Raniere was convicted last year for a slew of charges largely related to DOS and faces a sentence of life behind bars when he returns to court Tuesday.

During Raniere's trial, the court heard DOS "slaves" were starved, branded with his initials and forced to have sex with him — after handing over damaging "collateral" like nude photos they feared would be released if they didn't comply.

The glowing letters of support were unsealed as lawyers for the Svengali-like leader filed a last-ditch motion to overturn his conviction.

Clyne and fellow DOS member



'Fox &' fury after Andy questions fed vaccine

PREZ: CUO'S A 'LOW LIFE'

By LIA EUSTACHEWICH
and BERNADETTE HOGAN

President Trump ripped Gov. Cuomo as a "lowlife" on Tuesday for expressing doubt over the safety of a potential federally approved COVID-19 vaccine.

The president called in to "Fox & Friends" and weighed in on Cuomo's comments from Monday.

"When a politician — a real lowlife — when a politician is willing to say that and kill people and scare people from using something that's going to be great and really solve a big problem, they ought to be ashamed of themselves," Trump said.

Then he quipped, "He probably listens to his brother Fredo" — a reference to CNN anchor Chris Cuomo, who flew into a rage last year after a man called him "Fredo," a reference to Fredo Corleone, the feckless son from "The Godfather" Parts I and II.

Trump also slammed the New York governor over his handling of the coronavirus outbreak in nursing homes that has left 6,500 seniors dead.

"So he's going to put together the same group of people that he probably used to put together in the nursing homes, where

11,000 people died because they put heavily infected people in with the general population?" Trump said, apparently citing the figure put out in August by The Associated Press, which found that state nursing-home deaths were undercounted.

"Is that the people he's going to use to help us out?"

Cuomo spokesman Rich Azzopardi fired back at the president's comments.

"219,000 people have died because of Donald Trump's pandemic incompetence," he said. "He can try to change the subject as much as wants to away from his own failing incompetence, it's not going to work."

"New Yorkers aren't stupid. Americans aren't stupid. Enjoy your retirement in Florida in two weeks."

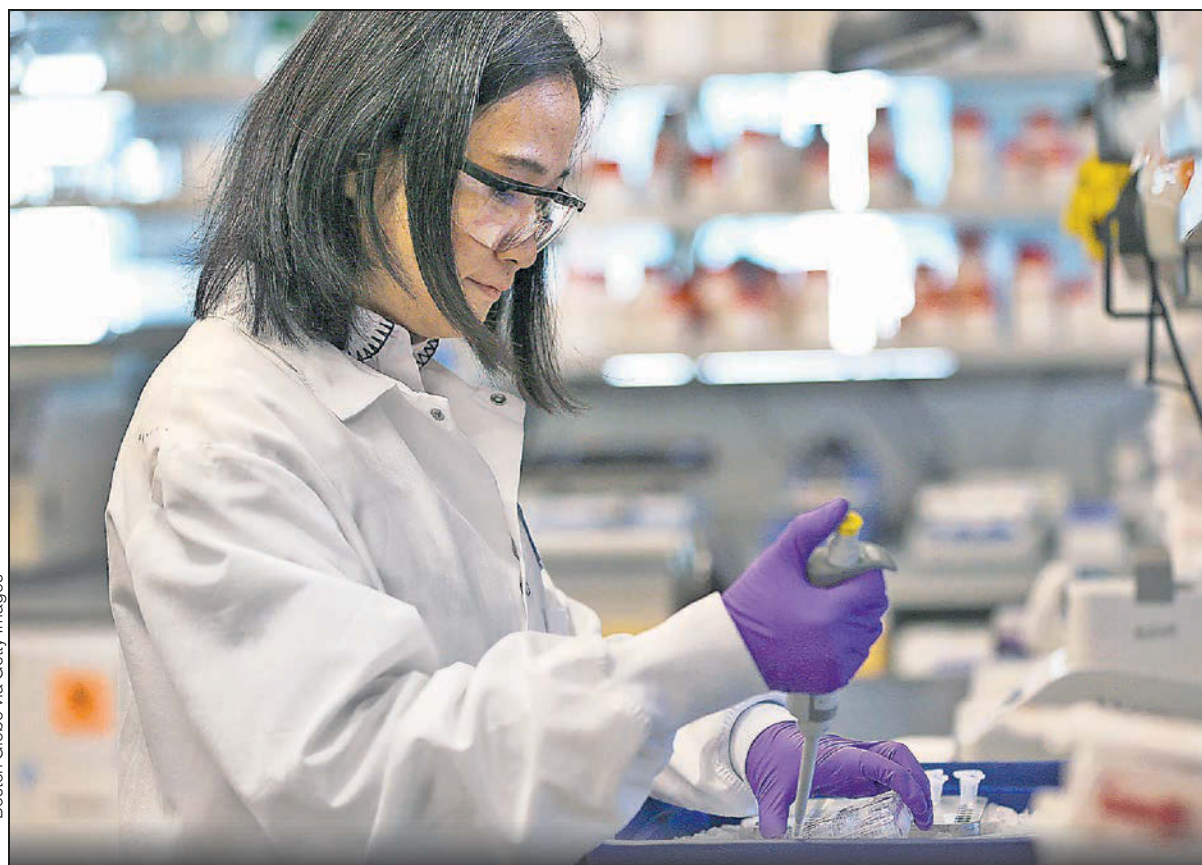
Trump has repeatedly sparred with both Gov. Cuomo and Chris Cuomo, most recently by tearing into the news anchor's ratings after blasting CNN reporters as "dumb bastards" on Monday.

"You watch this guy, he's got lousy ratings, Fredo, you know Fredo?" Trump said at a rally in Prescott, Ariz.

"Gets horrible ratings. He's talking about the pandemic, it's all they talk about."

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Moderna vaXmas hope

The feds could clear Moderna's experimental coronavirus vaccine for emergency use in December if the company's clinical research goes according to plan, CEO Stéphane Bancel said.

The timeline depends on the Massachusetts-based biotech firm (one of its labs shown above) getting positive results next month from its late-stage clinical-vaccine trial, Bancel said during a Wall Street Journal conference Monday.

Moderna will analyze how well

the vaccine is working when 53 Phase 3 participants develop symptomatic cases of COVID-19, the Journal reported. That analysis is expected some time in November.

The company also expects to have enough vaccine-safety data in late November, Bancel said. The US Food and Drug Administration could grant emergency-use authorization in December if Moderna submits an application soon after reaching the safety milestone, according to the Journal.

However, it's possible the vaccine won't be deemed effective enough when initial data is analyzed next month, the paper reported. Moderna would then reportedly conduct a second analysis when 106 people get sick with the coronavirus.

Moderna's targeted timeline is similar to Manhattan-based Pfizer's. Large US trials for two other vaccines, from AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson, have been paused after participants got sick.

Noah Manskar

Trump makes nice with Fauci

President Trump insisted Tuesday he has no beef with Dr. Anthony Fauci — a day after ripping the nation's top infectious-diseases expert as a "disaster" over his handling of the COVID-19 crisis.

"I'm not at odds [with him]," Trump said on a call to "Fox & Friends." "I like

him, he's a terrific guy."

Trump lashed out at Fauci after the doctor told "60 Minutes" he was "absolutely not" surprised that the president caught the coronavirus at a Sept. 26 event for Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett.

Trump, in a conference

call to campaign staffers on Monday, said "every time he goes on television, there's always a bomb, but there's a bigger bomb if you fire him. Fauci's a disaster. If I'd listened to him, we'd have 500,000 deaths."

During a California radio interview on Monday, Fauci

said he doesn't want to create a "me against the president" mentality.

On Fox News, Trump called Fauci a "nice guy" but still called him "wrong" about his early advice. "He's a little bit sometimes not a team player," Trump added.

Lia Eustachewich

Poll that called '16: Don rising

By STEVEN NELSON

A poll credited with being one of the only accurate national surveys in 2016 has found a sudden tightening in the race between President Trump and Democratic challenger Joe Biden.

The Investor's Business Daily tracking poll results released Tuesday have Biden ahead nationally by just 2.3 percentage points among likely voters, at 48.1 percent to Trump's 45.8 percent.

The daily poll, which includes Green and Libertarian candidates, launched on Oct. 12 and has found increasing support for Trump and decreasing support for Biden going into Nov. 3's Election Day.

Just a week ago, on Oct. 13, the poll found Biden sailing with an 8.6 percentage-point lead.

IBD said Trump is closing a gap among independents and has benefited from stronger support among Republicans than Biden has among Democrats. Biden held 90 percent support among Democrats in the latest poll, compared to 94 percent of Republicans backing Trump.

But IBD said Trump is lagging among elderly voters and those in the suburbs, groups that helped him win in 2016.

Investor's Business Daily is widely regarded as a credible pollster, given an "A/B" grade by polling-focused news site FiveThirtyEight.com.

In 2016, IBD's poll was one of the few to predict Trump's win — a shocking upset that caught most media and politics professionals off-guard. Its final

Tuesday:

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BIDEN:
48.1%

★
TRUMP:
45.8%

Oct. 13:

...
BIDEN:
51%

★
TRUMP:
42.4%

Source: The Investor's Business Daily

2016 poll found Trump ahead by 1.6 points. Ultimately, Trump lost the popular vote to Hillary Clinton by 2.1 points, but won the Electoral College 304-227 thanks to narrow wins in many states.

The RealClearPolitics average of recent national polls has Biden ahead by 7.6 percent, though in many swing states, the margin is tighter. Trump allies believe he has many "silent voters" who won't publicly admit their support but will show up to vote.

The Biden campaign released a memo Saturday warning that Trump can "still win the race" and is "neck and neck" in several battleground states, where the incumbent is hosting daily mega-rallies and where Biden's campaign got off to a late ground game amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

AFP via Getty Images



Obama care for his veep at Pa. rally

Former President Barack Obama will make his 2020 campaign-trail debut Wednesday when he headlines a drive-in rally for Joe Biden in the crucial state of Pennsylvania.

Obama will travel to Philadelphia to campaign on behalf of the Democratic nominee and running mate Sen. Kamala Harris and encourage Pennsylvanians to vote early, the Biden campaign said.

The Democratic stalwart pulled a vanishing act during the competitive and crowded primary process but finally threw his weight behind his loyal veep in April once Biden was clearly the party's nominee.

Ebony Bowden

General pulled from misleading Joe ads

The Biden campaign said it will remove from its ads any images of a retired general who led the fight against ISIS terrorists in Iraq, after the military leader objected because it gave the impression that he has endorsed the Democratic candidate.

A campaign video first released on Oct. 10 shows an image of Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland and Biden when the former vice president visited Iraq in April 2016.

"Much to my surprise," MacFarland wrote on LinkedIn over the weekend, "I have been featured more

than once in VP Joe Biden's political ad campaign.

"A number of people have understandably inferred that my appearance constitutes an endorsement of the former Vice President," MacFarland, who commanded the international coalition fighting ISIS in Iraq and Syria from 2015 to 2016, said in the post. "It does not. To be clear, I have not endorsed President Trump, either. I'm not a political person, but this isn't about just me. I object to the use of ANY military personnel in uniform in political ads — full stop." *Mark Moore*

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TARGETING THE RICH:

Presidential hopeful Joe Biden arrives at The Queen theater in Wilmington, Del., on Monday. A new analysis of his tax plan has high earners quaking.

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Cough KOs Mel's return to trail

First Lady Melania Trump canceled her return to the campaign trail with an appearance scheduled for a rally in Erie, Pa., Tuesday night because she has lingering COVID-19 symptoms.

Melania, 50, called off the planned trip because she still has a cough after her bout with the coronavirus earlier this month.

"Mrs. Trump continues to feel better every day following her recovery from COVID-19, but with a lingering cough, and out of an abundance of caution, she will not be traveling today," a spokeswoman for the first lady said.

President Trump, his wife (pictured) and their son, Bar-

ron, all tested positive for the virus earlier this month and have since recovered.

In an essay published on the White House Web site, Melania said her battle with the virus had been "a roller coaster of symptoms" that hit her "all at once."

"I experienced body aches, a cough and headaches, and felt extremely tired most of the time. I chose to go a more natural route in terms of medicine, opting more for vitamins and healthy food," she wrote.

The commander-in-chief's rally in Erie was due to be the first lady's first campaign event after a more than yearlong absence from the campaign trail.

Ebony Bowden



Joke's on prez in TV bias

Late-night TV hosts show bias in making President Trump the target of almost all of their political jokes — while Joe Biden escapes virtually unscathed, according to a new study.

In September, Stephen Colbert and Jimmy Fallon made Trump the punchline of 97 percent of their jokes about the candidates, with 455 about the president compared with just 14 about his Democratic rival.

The bias is even greater if you count the 64 jokes that month that the pair made about Trump's family or administration, according to the study by the Center for Media and

Public Affairs at George Mason University.

"When Trump's onstage, everyone else is blacked out," said Robert Lichter, a communications professor at the Fairfax, Va., school.

George Mason has been studying late-night humor and politics since 1992, and says that while the hosts usually target Republicans more than Democrats, the difference has never been this stark.

Even four years ago, Trump got a fairer shake, being skewered 78 percent of the time compared with Hillary Clinton's 22 percent, the center said.

Lee Brown, Wires

62% TOP TAX RATE

Biden plan would soak high earners

By MARK MOORE

High earners in New York and New Jersey could see federal and state tax rates of more than 58 percent under former Vice President Joe Biden's tax proposals, according to an analysis of the plans.

While Biden would slice taxes for Americans earning under \$400,000, those making more than that would face double-digit increases, the Washington, DC-based Tax Foundation found.

The Empire State could see a 58.2 percent combined top marginal tax rate, while New Jersey's would be slightly more than 60 percent and California would hit 62 percent, according to an analysis by Jared Walczak.

In the Big Apple, city, state and federal taxes would rise to more than 62 percent.

The group noted that although the US statutory tax rate is 37 percent for those in the highest tax brackets, those individuals usually pay around 26.8 percent after taking advantage of deductions and loopholes in the tax laws.

The Biden administration, with the help of a Democratic-controlled Congress, could remove the \$10,000 cap on state and local de-



Fitty raps Dem's 'bad idea'

Rapper 50 Cent on Tuesday confirmed that he's backing President Trump for re-election, saying he could become "20cent" under Democrat Joe Biden's tax plan.

"Yeah, i don't want to be 20cent. 62% is a very, very, bad idea. i don't like it!" the Queens-raised rapper (left) wrote on Twitter.

His latest tweet featured a clip from Fox News with Trump campaign adviser Katrina Pierson.

The "P.I.M.P." singer's endorsement for the Republican incum-

bent comes two weeks before the Nov. 3 election, as Trump tries to broaden his support among black voters, especially by highlighting Biden's role writing 1980s and '90s legislation that contributed to the "mass incarceration" of minorities.

Trump's campaign is hopeful that increased support among black voters — and also among Hispanics, targeted with anti-socialism appeals — will offset alleged decreased support for him detected in polling among elderly voters concerned about the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an online post Monday, the 45-year-old 50 Cent urged

fans to "VOTE For TRUMP" after he reviewed Biden's tax plan. Biden supports raising tax rates for corporations and people making \$400,000 or more per year, reversing part of Trump's 2017 tax law that reduced the top federal rate for individuals from 39.6 percent to 37 percent.

The rapper posted an image from a CNBC broadcast that indicated New Yorkers could face combined federal and state tax rates of 62 percent.

"WHAT THE F--K!" he wrote. "(VOTE ForTRUMP) IM OUT, F--K NEW YORK."

He added: "The KNICKS never win anyway." *Steven Nelson*

ductions, helping to lower the tax rates of the higher earners.

By 2030, the analysis found, Biden's tax plan would lead to 6.5 percent less after-tax income

for the top 1 percent of taxpayers and a 1.7 percent decline in after-tax income for all taxpayers.

It also found his proposals would raise federal tax revenue by \$3.05

trillion over the next decade but reduce the gross domestic product by 1.47 percent over the long term.

Besides raising taxes on those making above \$400,000, Biden

would increase the corporate tax rate from 21 percent to 28 percent and increase a minimum tax for corporations earning profits of \$100 million or higher.



SEARCH & DESTROY: CEO Sundar Pichai's Google is accused of abusing its market dominance, in an antitrust lawsuit from the Department of Justice.

Feds seek to break 'monopoly'

By NICOLAS VEGA

The Justice Department on Tuesday slapped Google with a long-threatened antitrust lawsuit — marking the biggest challenge to Big Tech in 22 years.

The suit accuses the online giant of maintaining “unlawful monopolies” in its search-engine and advertising businesses, giving it an illegal edge that has been worth billions of dollars.

“The end result is that no one can feasibly challenge Google’s dominance in search and search advertising,” US Attorney General William Barr said in a statement.

“This lack of competition harms users, advertisers, and small businesses in the form of fewer choices, reduced quality (including on metrics like privacy), higher advertising prices, and less innovation.”

The lawsuit, filed in federal court in Washington, DC, claims that

Google has long broken the law in its quest to remain “the gateway to the Internet,” leaving competitors at a disadvantage along the way so it can sell more ads.

Google’s alleged questionable tactics include its contract, worth billions of dollars, with Apple to make it the default search engine on the iPhone. The deal also ensures that Google’s search engine is preloaded onto smartphones using parent company Alphabet’s Android operating system — which runs the majority of phones around the world.

Google’s senior vice president of global affairs, Kent Walker, scoffed at the feds’ case Tuesday, calling the suit “deeply flawed” and claiming it is “trivially easy” for consumers to download a new search app on their cellphones.

“This isn’t the dial-up 1990s, when changing services was slow and difficult and often required you to buy

and install software with a CD-ROM,” Walker said in a statement. “This lawsuit claims that Americans aren’t sophisticated enough to do this. But we know that’s not true.”

But the DOJ said in its blistering lawsuit that the California-based company’s consolidation of market share “had harmful effects on competition and consumers.”

A 16-month investigation found that Google used its “monopoly power,” as well as “billions in monopoly profits,” to ensure its spot at the top of the food chain, Barr said.

The AG called the suit “a monumental case for the Department of Justice” and acknowledged that he has personally ensured it was a “primary commitment” for the DOJ.

On a conference call with reporters, a DOJ official added “nothing is off the table” when it comes to possible remedies the government will pursue against Google.

The federal lawsuit promises to be the biggest antitrust case in a generation, comparable to the lawsuit against Microsoft Corp. that the government filed in 1998 and its 1974 case against AT&T, which led to the breakup of the Bell System.

The Microsoft lawsuit has been credited with clearing the way for the explosive growth of the Internet, since antitrust scrutiny prevented the company from attempting to thwart competitors.

Tuesday’s lawsuit is only the first to emerge from a widespread Trump administration review of the powerful technology industry. Facebook, Amazon and Apple are also each being probed for anti-competitive behavior.

Google was previously the subject of an antitrust investigation by the FTC over its search product, but the agency ended that probe in 2013.

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Ghislaine sex trove on way

A Manhattan federal judge said Tuesday in an order that a deposition about Ghislaine Maxwell’s sex life will be unsealed “as soon as is practicable” — after an appeals court upheld her earlier ruling to make the material public.

In July, US District Judge Loretta Preska ordered the release of the deposition transcripts and other materials, but Maxwell’s lawyers appealed the ruling to the 2nd Circuit US Court of Appeals.

On Monday, a three-judge panel affirmed Preska’s decision, paving the way for the unsealing of the seven-hour, 418-page deposition that Maxwell gave in April 2016 in a now-settled civil defamation lawsuit filed against her by Jeffrey Epstein accuser Virginia Giuffre.

Maxwell allegedly made statements in the interview about “consensual, intimate conduct with other adults,” according to court papers.

In Tuesday’s order, Preska wrote that “to hasten the unsealing process and to avoid any last-minute disputes,” the redactions should be “as limited in scope as is workable.”

It isn’t clear exactly when the documents will become publicly available.

Maxwell was arrested in July on a federal indictment charging her with grooming three underage girls to be sexually abused by her and Epstein.

Rebecca Rosenberg

Creepy new prince claim

Prince Andrew allegedly laughed it up with Jeffrey Epstein as they watched a teen sex-trafficking victim and several Russian models taking part in a topless photo shoot in the pedophile multimillionaire’s Virgin Islands hideaway, according to a report about an explosive new book.

The Duke of York also faces accusations that Epstein’s “sex slave” Virginia Giuffre performed oral sex on him in front of a lesbian oil painting of herself as a teen while alleged madam Ghislaine Maxwell watched in 2002, The Sun reported about investigative journalist Barry Levine’s “The Spider.” *Yaron Steinbuch*

NJ gov’s bodycam veto

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy is conditionally vetoing two bills expanding the use of police bodycams, citing cost and privacy concerns.

Murphy wrote Monday in a conditional veto statement that while police body cameras are a “wise public investment,” he couldn’t approve

one of the bills, S-1163, which would require cops to wear bodycams at all times with few exceptions, unless departments that can’t afford them could be exempt.

“Acquisition, deployment and use of this technology is not without cost,” he said.

Joshua Rhett Miller

Six shot — then a merciful lull

Six people were shot in four incidents across the city Monday — but the guns apparently fell silent Tuesday with no shootings reported by the early evening, according to cops.

In the most recent incident, which came minutes before midnight, a 24-year-old man

was struck in the knee during a drive-by shooting on East 95th Street near Avenue L in Canarsie, cops said.

He walked into Brookdale University Hospital Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

Earlier in the evening, a 44-

year-old man was struck in the leg as he got out of an elevator inside a building on Bruckner Boulevard near Zerega Avenue in the Unionport section of The Bronx around 7 p.m., cops said. He told police that the man was a stranger. *Amanda Woods*



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DEFICIT OF REAL ACTION

Eight months after the city and state March lockdown began that cratered ridership, the MTA is now getting around to consolidating its offices. Well, "now" is a stretch.

Not until next June will the agency empty out two offices and relocate staff to its lower Manhattan headquarters.

What's the rush?

Even that pokey pace puts the agency ahead of City Hall. Mayor de Blasio often warns of layoffs, but has taken no significant action to reduce the headcount that bloated under his watch. His biggest deal resulted in an additional \$900 million payment to the teachers union, half now and half later.

Everybody is waiting on a federal bailout, but there might be more bipartisan support if city and MTA officials started to do what they can to trim mounting deficits. Instead, they sit on their hands and demand help, which is not a persuasive argument.

Not letting Cuomo slide

Gov. Cuomo keeps trying to rewrite history to shed blame for the deaths of thousands of nursing-home residents, but that's not gonna work as long as Janice Dean is alive. The Fox meteorologist, who lost both of her in-laws to COVID in nursing homes, is a leader among grieving families angry at the governor's deadly order that the facilities accept patients sick with the virus.

Albany is afraid of Cuomo, but this time, he has met his match.

SPORTSWRITER John Feinstein, after legendary basketball coach Bobby Knight alternately called him a pimp and a whore, had a memorable response: "I wish he'd make up his mind so I'd know how to dress!"

Something similar is going on with The Post's breakthrough reports of the Biden family business secrets. The media Praetorian Guards are throwing up defenses faster than Bobby Knight hurled insults.

One day, The Post is accused of spreading Russian disinformation for reporting on e-mails contained on a laptop belonging to Hunter Biden. The next day, the paper is accused of being cruel because Hunter has obvious dependency and psychological issues.

What's next — that poor Joe Biden was duped into getting involved in Hunter's deals because of early-stage dementia?

Oops, can't go there, at least not yet. That has to wait until he's sitting in the White House and Donald Trump is banished. Then it will be safe to let the facts come out.

Any port in a storm sailors say, and that's what we're witnessing as Big Media and Big Tech unite to protect Joe Biden, a.k.a. the "Big Guy," from anything resembling the truth. Their desperation is extraordinary when you remember that neither of the Bidens has claimed the laptop and devastating e-mails are fakes. So why is the media making those claims and tech using that as an excuse to censor The Post's reports?

The usual suspects — The New York Times, CNN and The Washington Post — are shooting the messenger instead of doing their own reporting. If they were even modestly curious, they would learn that Joe Biden was helping his family get rich for years and even participated in setting up plans to partner with a Chinese firm in acquiring American infrastructure projects. That was the deal where Hunter, in e-mails and reportedly in other communications, referred to his father as "the big guy" and "the chairman."

Protecting Biden while depriving Americans of the truth would seem to be an odd position for reporters, editors and social-media masters who profit from controversy and preen that they have a public trust. "Democracy dies in darkness," The Washington Post says even as it refuses to shine a spotlight on the Bidens' scams.

In fact, Washington political reporters have an inglorious history of hiding inconvenient truths about presidents. The agreement not to photograph FDR's crippled legs is one example, the refusal to report the many White House affairs of JFK is another.



Media, Tech let Bidens sin & grin

All that supposedly ended with Watergate. Afterward, every reporter in America grew up wanting to bring down a president, preferably a Republican one.

Until Barack Obama came along. What can only be described as a tacit agreement among White House reporters and their bosses prohibited any serious inquiries that would damage their favorite president. The see-no-evil cloak would lead Obama to delude himself into boasting that "We're probably the first administration in modern history that hasn't had a major scandal in the White House."

That was never true but a scandal without the press spreading the news is like a tree falling in the forest. If nobody hears it, did it really fall?

In that vein, consider a 2014 scene from the White House briefing room, when ABC's Jonathan Karl ever-so-politely asked then-press secretary Jay Carney whether Hunter Biden's seat on the board of Ukrainian energy company Burisma amounted to a conflict of interest.

Clearly prepared for the question, Carney replied that "Hunter Biden and other members of the Biden

family are obviously private citizens, and where they work does not reflect an endorsement by the administration or by the vice president or president." He then referred Karl to the vice president's office. There the story died.

But we now know Carney's answer was false, at least the claim that Hunter's role wasn't an endorsement by the vice president. Imagine if Karl had used some of that snarling energy he unleashes at the Trump administration every day to plow through the smokescreen.

He might have broken the story six years ago about Hunter Biden's worldwide influence-peddling that The Post and others are now revealing. Karl might have discovered then that the vice president was not only aware of his son's grifting, but was also using his office to help his son's business. He might also have learned about the windfall that Jim Biden, Joe's brother, got from government connections.

In that case, Obama would have had to amend his scandal-free boast to say "with the exception of my crooked vice president."

The lack of curiosity that Karl dis-

played in 2014 is the same somnolence that he and his ilk have about Biden's frequent absences from the campaign trail.

Imagine if Trump had called a "lid" on four consecutive days, as Biden did this week, ostensibly to prepare for Thursday's debate.

That will make five days out of the last six when the Democrats' nominee hasn't made public appearances or answered questions. Hillary Clinton was a workhorse by comparison.

Then again, the debate is not likely to be difficult for Biden. Count on biased moderator Kristen Welker of NBC and MSNBC to grill the president with hostility while feeding Biden soft questions.

She'll ask Trump, for the umpteenth time, if he believes in climate change and demand he denounce white supremacists. She'll steer clear of his economic and foreign policy success lest she be seen as helping him.

If she asks Biden about his son's business interests, he'll deny any knowledge and she'll let him get away with it.

I'll be delighted if she proves me wrong.

Cher swiped Sarandon role

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Bidding 'War'

ART nerds are abuzz over an extremely rare Warhol that's going on sale Thursday. The piece — known as "Jackie I," depicting Jackie Kennedy in the moments before her husband's murder — is so uncommon because it's the only known piece by Andy Warhol that's been stamp-signed on its front. According to Sotheby's, Warhol used a rubber stamp to sign his works rather than a handwritten signature because he "wanted to get away from style." "I feel an artist's signature is style," he said. He stamped the backs of many pieces, but switched things up for "Jackie I." Bidding starts at \$14,000.



Mum's the word

HOLLYWOOD can be cut-throat. **Emma Roberts** revealed she blocked her own mother, **Kelly Cunningham**, on Instagram — when she accidentally confirmed her daughter's pregnancy before Roberts had made the announcement. The actress (above) told **Jimmy Kimmel** that her mom, who began using smartphones only three years ago, found herself interacting with fans online when she spilled the beans. "It was a disaster," Roberts said. "I found it all out on a plane."

SUSAN Sarandon revealed that **Cher** stole the role intended for Sarandon in their classic film "The Witches of Eastwick" — after Cher had a "liaison" with producer **Jon Peters**.

Sarandon played dowdy teacher Jane in the 1987 movie, with **Jack Nicholson** as the devil. But in a candid talk with the screenwriter, **Michael Cristofer**, Sarandon said that she was originally hired to play Cher's role of sexy sculptress Alex. "I initially was cast in Cher's part, and didn't find out till I got to LA — because I was living in Rome — that I was actually moved to a different part," she recalled. "I had to learn suddenly to play the cello, and I had never played an instrument in my life. They said they would sue

me if I left, so I didn't have much choice!"

"Cher sort of muscled her way into that part," Cristofer said. Sarandon replied, "That's Jon ... [He] and Cher had a past liaison or something, so that was another element."

However, the actresses got along so well that Cher lent her a wig and dress for a scene in which Nicholson seduces her. They also had lunch with Nicholson in his trailer daily.

Sarandon and Cristofer spoke ahead of a fundraiser for LA's Project Angel Food, which will throw a "Witches of Eastwick" "home brewing party" Saturday, hosted by **Sandra Lee**.

Sarandon said that she, Cher and co-star **Michelle Pfeiffer** bonded to survive the shoot,

where Peters threw chairs on the set in a temper and director **George Miller** quit twice.

"There were a lot of reasons why we could not have gotten along, and everybody took a higher road," she said.

Sarandon also revealed that she turned down a role in "The First Wives Club," which she's never seen, saying: "[It] ended up making a lot of money. It starred all great women, who were getting revenge on their ex-husbands, in the script that I got, by being mean to other women. And I was just like ... who needs that, you know? I don't want to be in something where women are tearing down other women."

Peters and reps for Cher didn't comment.

Gay abandon

NEICY Nash doesn't care if any fans were turned off that her recent surprise wedding was to a woman. "If I lost a fan because of who I love, then that wasn't a real fan," said Nash — who wed **Jessica Betts** in August — while chatting with her Instagram followers. "Who/how I love has nothing to do with my art. I'm still a skilled, Emmy-nominated, award-winning actress," she wrote. She added, "I didn't stop being great at my craft because of where I lay my head ... All I know is I'm happy and my projects are lit ... Can't wait for those who never stopped riding to see!" The "Claws" actress split from her second husband, **Jay Tucker**, in December.

Drive-in holiday

MOLLY Sims brought her Halloween party to her LA driveway this year. She decked out a luxury Airstream, from RV-rental site Outdoorsy, decorating it with "life-size skeletons and balloons ... They even had a 'rotten candy bar,' and the kids snacked on mummy-wrapped hot dogs," a pal said. Sims, who's married to Netflix exec **Scott Stuber**, and her brood also told ghost stories and screened scary flicks.



Fresh Slate

JENNY Slate revealed that she's been working on a "big" new movie idea during Hollywood's recent hiatus — inspired by '90s comedies. "I have found myself really wanting to see a '90s-style comedy — a full-fledged character comedy — that is nice," the "Obvious Child" star (above) said during the virtual chat with **Kristen Stewart**, part of Tribeca Enterprises' Women's Filmmaker Program. "Usually at the head of these movies are always men, so I have just completed a draft, with my friend, of a mainstream, big, big movie comedy ... where I play twins." Slate starred in this summer's "The Sunlit Night" with **Zach Galifianakis**, and will front Quibi docuseries "Sex Plants." Off-screen, she got engaged to writer and art curator **Ben Shattuck** last year.



Pumpkin spice Kylie: Makeup mogul Kylie Jenner, who just revealed her brand's new fall colors, goes for an autumnal look while out for lunch in Beverly Hills.

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Wandering West's royal role

DOMINIC West — the married actor who's been embroiled in a smooching scandal involving **Lily James**, his younger co-star of an upcoming mini-series — is now reportedly in talks to play Prince **Charles** in the hit Netflix series "The Crown." Deadline reported on Tuesday that West "has been lined up for the role, but a deal is not yet done." At the same time that West is landing the plum part, James has been canceling promotional events for her latest film, the Netflix drama "Rebecca" co-starring **Armie Hammer**, sources said. We reported that after West and James were seen canoodling in Italy, she pulled the plug on appearances on shows from "Today" to "The Graham Norton Show." Meanwhile, West and his wife, **Catherine FitzGerald**, have declared their marriage is "strong," posing in a lip-lock of their own for photographers and oddly handing out a handwritten note saying they're still together. Ironically, if West joins "The Crown," he'll depict Charles at the time when he's having an affair with **Camilla Parker Bowles**. Confirmed stars of that season are **Imelda Staunton**, **Lesley Manville** and **Jonathan Pryce**.

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Queen threw royal fit

A furious Queen **Elizabeth** once allegedly hurled sneakers and a tennis racket at **Prince Philip** during a fit worthy of **John McEnroe**. In new biography “Prince Philip Revealed,” author **Ingrid Seward** writes of a right royal dust-up between the queen and her hubby while they were on a tour of Australia in 1954. The couple, who wed in 1947, had a rare weekend off but were trailed by a camera crew filming a documentary. According to the book, The Post’s **Nicki Gostin** reports, a camera operator was horrified to see Prince **Philip** charging out of the couple’s chalet “followed by a flying pair of tennis shoes and a racket and a very angry Queen shouting for him to come back. Then the indignant Queen grabbed hold of her husband and dragged him back inside.” There was a stunned silence before a royal press secretary told the crew to shut off the cameras or be arrested, according to the book. The offending film was reportedly handed over and given to the monarch, who reportedly came out to meet the crew and thanked them for the film. “I am sorry for that little interlude,” she said, according to the book. “But as you know it happens in every marriage. Now, what would you like me to do?” But Seward also claims that Philip could be “very tough” on the queen and frequently called her a “bloody fool” and accused her of talking rubbish. The queen allegedly “seldom answered back but would change the subject and started talking in riddles that would divert him as he tried to figure out what she was talking about,” the book says. Philip turned 99 in June, and the queen, 94, carried out her first public engagement last week since Britain’s coronavirus lockdown.



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Will Smith portrays **Richard Williams**, father of tennis greats **Venus** and **Serena Williams**, in the movie “King Richard” filming in LA.

Settlement was in the Kards

KIM Kardashian has secretly settled a \$6.1 million lawsuit with the security company who “failed to protect” her during her devastating robbery in Paris, according to the Sun. In October 2016, Kardashian was tied up and put in the bathtub of her hotel room by five armed robbers who had posed as cops to gain entry. They left with \$10 million worth of jewelry, including a \$5 million diamond ring from her husband, **Kanye West**. Her bodyguard, **Pascal Duvier**, had left her alone in the room while he escorted her sisters, **Kourtney Kardashian** and **Kendall Jenner**, to a nightclub. According to the British paper, Kim fired Duvier and then sued him and his company for negligence. Reps for the reality star didn’t respond to our request for comment.

If the crown fits, wear it . . .

JUDY Chicago — famed for her ’70s feminist work “The Dinner Party” — was honored at the Museum of Arts and Design’s virtual Mad Ball this week with a unique award. Artist **Trulee Hall** created a crown for Chicago made of HeatForm moldable thermoplastic sheets with “a vaginal opening, pink velvet center, snake symbols, which are the archetype phallus, and spoons referencing Judy’s ‘The Dinner Party.’ ” Donning the headgear, Chicago teared up when making her speech. “The Dinner Party” includes a banquet table with 39 place settings, each commemorating an important woman in history with “vulvar and butterfly forms.”



Naomi Watts stops by **Onda Beauty**, the franchise she co-owns, in NYC.

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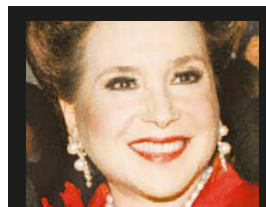
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Counting all the 'Minutes'



Cindy Adams

THERE'S nobody who doesn't know "60 Minutes." It's been around longer than Our Father Which Art in the Control Room. Comes now a book by the show's former award-winning producer **Ira Rosen**. Publisher, St. Martin's. Title, "Ticking Clock." Publication, February. Big-mouth, me. I tell you about it now.

Backstage, this perfect seamless production is a forced march to the front. Think Iran. The pro-

gram's so desired that everyone with titles preceding their names — President **Donald Trump**, Justice Antonin Scalia, Sir **David Attenborough**, Poiseonee **Alexei Navalny**, Dr. **Anthony Fauci** — want on. Clawing for A-1 interviews could be today's **Lesley Stahl**, **Anderson Cooper**, **John Dickerson**, **Scott Pelley**, **Norah O'Donnell** or whoever's flavor of the month.

Like Lesley nailing Donald and **Pence**. Norah getting Joe Boredom and Whatsername.

June '80, before cell-phones, computers, Internet, Alexa and Siri, producer Rosen signed on as medicine man for cuddly Mike Wallace, who barked: "I know what I can do for you. What can you do for me?" And "You better get your ass here fast." One exec called an-

chors "animals" — and, like snakes, "They bite." The pressure: "insane." Harassment? "Criminal."

No love-in. Harry Reasoner to the newbie: "You poor kid. Mike's nice — every other month."

There 25 years, Rosen says CBS's A-1 program fronts a wooly war room. Clashing producers, antsy anchors, planet-size egos with "Walter Cronkite, Eric Sevareid, Edward R. Murrow, Morley Safer, **Dan Rather**, Reasoner in and out of executive producer Don Hewitt's office "like it was a medical clinic."

And his own mom's critique? "Better you should be assigned to the younger Dan Rather."

The book? Wonderful. Figures to be a best seller.

Captain is cuckoo

THE automobile Ford may be slowing down. The actor Ford, not **Harrison** stars in "The Miserable Adventures of Burt Squire Aboard the Horn High Yo." Longest title in captivity, but who cares since there's no theater marquee to stick it on. Supposedly a true story about a man experiencing a midlife crisis who decides to boat around the world, winds up shipwrecked, has a not-all-there sea captain who is played by Harrison Ford, and they splash around the Atlantic Ocean, and I wouldn't even mention that this is usually filmed in a gigantic water tank on a movie lot.

Forget popcorn. Take Dramamine.

Harrison Ford: Up to some new "Adventures."



Pol position

PRO pollster: Electoral college: 216. **Biden**, 125, **Trump**, 197. Toss-ups include: Texas, Florida, Ohio, Georgia, Iowa, North Carolina, Arizona, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, Maine, Nebraska. Win is 270.

Depends on which poll you check, but I see Trump slightly ahead in Arizona (11 percentage points) and Wisconsin (10). Biden ahead in Pennsylvania (20), Michigan (16), Minnesota (10). Nevada (6), Nebraska (1) and Maine (1) unsure. Maine tends to go Democratic, Nebraska to the

GOP. Nevada, who knows? Trump could get his needed votes with Arizona, Wisconsin. If Trump gets white working-class Midwest women in Western and Central Pa., he takes Pa., Michigan, Minnesota. If not, it's weeks of ballot-counting challenges.

P.S. **Hillary** and **Kamala**. Both have birthdays this week. That tell us anything?

Don't flush it

LATE folk singer Harry Chapin's new doc is "When in Doubt, Do Something." His childhood pal became abstract artist Alexander Calder, who summered in

Harry's family's Jersey lake house. It had an outhouse. No running water. He loved that so much he made a sculpture for it to hold the bathroom paper.

Let's never say Calder was in the toilet, but his Guggenheim exhibit never offered any bathroom-type amenities. His former Connecticut home has one room he designed, floor to ceiling. The one with the john.

LET'S don't knock **Biden**. He's smart. He alone wanted to put Muzak in elevator shoes.

Only in America, kids, only in America.

PARK WORSE THAN BITE

By RAQUEL LANERI

Lauren Conlin has seen her share of pandemic playground drama. Once, another mom yelled at her for briefly pulling her mask down so she could sip her iced coffee.

"I was about 8 feet away and she said, 'Ma'am, can you pull your mask up? Like, there's a reason we wear these,'" Conlin, a celebrity correspondent and host of the "Red Carpet Rendezvous" podcast, told The Post. "I didn't say anything back, but [internally] I was like, 'Chill, Karen, I'm nowhere near you!'"

Another time, a 7-year-old gave Conlin's 2-year-old son, MJ, a dirty look when the toddler sneezed near her.

"He was probably 6 feet from her, but her face — she was so scared and so disturbed," Conlin said. "I was like, 'I'm so sorry! He's not sick! He just sneezed! He's not wearing a mask because he's not even 2!' I felt the need to explain myself to her."

Yet nothing matched the pandemonium of a recent Saturday at Central Park's Billy Johnson Playground — the one with the famed 45-foot granite slide.

"It was hectic: The kids were crawling all over each other to get up to the slide with their pieces of cardboard," said Conlin, 35, who lives on the Upper East Side, referring to the squares that regulars sit on for added speed. "Then one little girl started taking her cardboard and hitting another girl with it pretty hard." Everyone was wearing masks, but hardly distancing. "There was a huge screaming match [between the parents] ... We were all in shock," she said.

The state closed public playgrounds April 1, when New York was deep in the throes of the coronavirus. So when they reopened in June, many parents — after spending months cooped up in apartments with their little ones — rejoiced. But now, as people who had fled the city during the darker days of the pandemic return, playgrounds have gotten increasingly crowded. Kids who used to play well with others seem to have forgotten how. Add to that parents' continued anxiety about virus exposure, and it's a perfect storm for drama.

"The playgrounds are definitely more tense now," Conlin said.

Antonio D'Souza, who lives on the Upper West Side and has a 5-year-old and a 3-year-old, said he has noticed that children with overly concerned parents seem to have a harder time adjusting to

COVID turns city playgrounds into war zones

DON'T LET IT SLIDE: Upper East Sider Lauren Conlin (with her husband Matt and children) has seen increased angst at Central Park play areas.



IT'S A JUNGLE GYM OUT THERE: Steph McCrory (above left) got her son Finn a scooter so he can avoid potential stares and hurtful comments in the playground. Heath Fradkoff (above right) says a little side eye goes a long way in encouraging parents to keep their kids in line in Brooklyn parks.

pandemic playground life.

"I saw a dad following his daughter around the jungle gym, saying, 'Don't touch this; don't touch that,'" the 40-year-old engineer said. "It just made her really nervous."

He also said that some children who were either away all summer in houses with yards or who were isolated from other kids seem to have lost their socialization skills.

"We have friends who only brought their 3-year-old son to the playground for the first time [since March] like, two or three weeks ago," D'Souza said. "He had not seen any other kids in six months, and he didn't even know what to do."

D'Souza said that sometimes a parent would bring a clinging kid and set them next to another kid, only for the child to run back to the parent.

"What the child needs most right now is for parents to be calm ... because going to the park will not be a good experience if they feel their parents' anxiety or tension," clinical psychologist Judith Zackson told The Post. "The child needs to understand that the park is still a fun place and it can still be a safe place, but there are just different rules."

Zackson added that if the situa-

tion feels too emotionally charged, sometimes it's best to leave.

That's why Steph McCrory, 31, has decided to avoid the park entirely. Her 3-year-old son, Finn, has an autoimmune condition called mastocytosis that causes lesions on his skin.

"Even before the pandemic, we would get the odd little glance, or a mother subtly pulling the child away when [Finn] gets too close," said the Astoria resident. "But people are hypersensitive right now ... I see posts all the time on my mommy Facebook groups saying, 'I've seen this person at the playground without a mask,' or 'This kid pulled their mask down,' and I knew that tension, plus the concern about Finn's spots, was just something I didn't want to deal with."

Even though Finn was initially disappointed, McCrory has decided to skip the potential stares and hurtful responses at the playground for scooting around their neighborhood.

Indeed, stares are the communication currency now that the majority are wearing masks.

"It's hard to talk to a stranger in the park when you're wearing a mask. Some people say the masks are taking away our freedom and taking away our ability to live and communicate. But [the mask] gives us a chance to pay attention to nonverbal cues — to tone, to the eyes," Zackson said. "You can tell a lot when looking at a person's eyes — if they're smiling, if they're upset. And also to the way that their body behaves — if they're moving away from you, if they're leaning in towards you."

Dad Heath Fradkoff, for one, says there can be power in a pointed glance.

"For the most part, everyone's been doing a good job at distancing and keeping safe," said the 42-year-old, who lives in Red Hook with his wife, 3-year-old son and 18-month-old daughter. "The outliers get a little of the side eye, and they get in line, too."

But Fradkoff said a little discomfort is worth the joy of allowing his kids to let loose and feel a part of a community again.

"As a city, New York's superpower is its ability to come together in a crisis, and it was this superpower that the pandemic took away from us," he said. "Getting back to the playgrounds feels like a small triumph in light of all that. Watching our kids just be kids for a while — even if it looks a little different than before, with masks and hand sanitizer at-the-ready — feels important."



Stephen Yang (3)

Protest over City Hall's 'moneyball'

Dozens of Success Academy charter-school backers gathered at a field in Harlem on Tuesday to protest the city's demand of \$500,000 to use its athletic facilities.

Citing coronavirus budget cuts, City Hall wants permit fees for all city schools to use public fields for extra-curricular activities, as *The Post* reported Monday (inset).

The charter network has pushed back on the demand and said city workers have shut them out of facilities that they have used with-

out cost for years.

"We're here because the mayor locked us out of our own fields," said Success Academy CEO



and founder Eva Moskowitz.

Success Academy said students have been barred from using seven facilities in Brooklyn, The Bronx, and Manhattan.

The network said the move has halted practice for more than 300 elementary- and middle-school kids in soccer, basketball, and track. *Selim Algar*



Gabriella Bass

LA mayor 'scandal' aide out

A second person has accused a senior adviser to LA Mayor Eric Garcetti of forcibly kissing him — and the aide stepped down Tuesday night.

Yashar Ali, a freelance journalist, made the accusation against Rick Jacobs, Garcetti's former deputy chief of staff, in an online newsletter Monday night.

Ali said the encounters occurred between 2005 and 2015.

"The incidents where Jacobs would forcibly kiss me always happened in front of others and at political and social functions," he wrote.

"Jacobs would grab my face and kiss me on the lips ... and he would turn to other people ... and say, 'He has the softest lips.'"

Ali also alleged he has seen Jacobs subject others to "forcible kissing, grabbing and sexually explicit comments."

In July, former LA Police Officer Matthew Garza filed suit against the city, claiming Jacobs sexually harassed him while Garza worked on the mayor's security detail.

Jacobs, who had remained an adviser to Garcetti even after leaving his official post, has denied Garza's allegations.

On Tuesday night, Jacobs issued a statement, saying, "I do not want this to be a distraction. Therefore, I will take a leave from my ... volunteer political work with the Mayor." *Lia Eustachewich*

Breonna juror OK'd

A grand juror in the Breonna Taylor case can speak out in public about the controversial proceedings, a Kentucky judge ruled Tuesday.

Judge Annie O'Connell said the anonymous juror, who filed a motion in court earlier this month for permission to go public, is allowed to speak, WKY-TV reported.

"There is no doubt that justice requires disclosure of the grand jury proceedings in this case," she wrote.

The grand juror's motion to talk in public alleges that Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron has misrepresented the 12-member panel's deliberations.

Jorge Fitz-Gibbon

NYC's bleak job stats

Half-million+ still unemployed amid COVID

By CARL CAMPANILE

More than 500,000 New York City residents were still unemployed six months into the coronavirus pandemic, a sobering new report released on Tuesday revealed.

State Labor Department data showed that 14 percent of city residents — one in seven — were jobless in September. That's 538,694 people.

The dismal rate is 10 percentage points higher than in September of 2019, when it was just 3.7 percent amid a healthy economy.

Still, the rate was a slight improvement from August, when 16 percent of residents (638,767) were jobless.

The coronavirus death toll in

New York peaked in late April when between 1,000 to 2,500 people a day perished from the illness.

The worst of the pandemic's impact on jobs was in June, when 20 percent of city residents (810,177) were unemployed.

New York state's unemployment rate decreased from 12.5 percent in August to 9.7 percent in September, a noticeable drop.

But that 9.7 percent rate was considerably higher than the national jobless rate of 7.9 percent, the sixth highest among all states and 5.8 percentage points higher than the Empire State's unemployment rate a year earlier, noted E.J. McMahon of the Empire Center for Public Policy.

He did say the month-to-month

2.8 percentage-point drop in the state's unemployment rate was a positive development, the second biggest improvement among states — trailing only New Jersey's gain of 4.4 percentage points last month.

McMahon cautioned, however, that digging New York's economy out of the pandemic-fueled recession will likely be a long slog.

He said New York state had 1 million fewer jobs than in September 2019 — second only to the 1.3 million jobs that disappeared in much more populous California.

"In the seventh month of the coronavirus pandemic, private-sector employment in New York was still recovering more slowly than in other states from the aftereffects of

the broad spring shutdowns of normal business and social life," McMahon said in a blog post after reviewing US Bureau of Labor Statistics data.

New York's private-sector job count was 12.1 percentage points lower than a year ago.

"The Empire State's year-to-year decrease was almost double the national decline of 6.9 [percentage points]. Only one other state — tourism-intensive Hawaii — was further below its 2019 employment level, with a decline of 21.5," McMahon said.

"Alaska and Vermont were the only other states with double-digit percentage declines in employment on a year-to-year basis."

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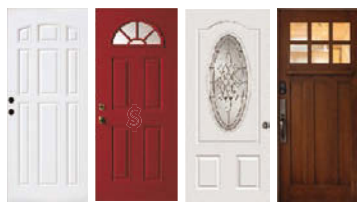


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Florida officials have smashed a trafficking ring that sent thousands of flying squirrels to South Korea.

Seven people have been charged in the scheme that moved 3,600 of the rodents over three years, officials said Tuesday. Poachers in central Florida allegedly netted more than \$213,000 from the transactions.

Flying squirrels, which are protected in Florida, are popular pets in South Korea.

Dial “B” for blunder.

An Arkansas man was arrested and charged in a murder plot, after allegedly butt dialing his intended victim.

Larry Barnett, 68, of Jonesboro was allegedly overheard earlier this year giving another man the victim’s address and saying, “I don’t care if you have to burn his house to the ground with him in it.”

A man was reunited with his wedding ring years after losing it during a hunting trip in Maine.

The prized possession slipped off Shawn Howard’s finger in Brighton in 2012. He’d given up hope of ever finding it until he saw it on the Facebook post of another hunter who found it.

They’re diehards.

Residents of Asbestos, Quebec, have chosen a new town name, but not everyone is happy about it.

The village, about 80 miles east of Montreal, picked the less toxic moniker Val-des-Sources, or Valley of The Springs, but at least one man was peeved, the CBC reported.

“I was born in Asbestos and I want to die in Asbestos,” he said.

He thought he was being “kool.”

A Florida man used a Kool-Aid package to steal nearly \$1,000 worth of goods from a Walmart.

Bradley Young, 37, of North Naples, has been charged with passing the Kool-Aid over a self-checkout scanner so that a \$248 scooter, a \$119.87 dual navigation system and \$160 worth of batteries cost him only \$24.44.

Tamar Lapin, Wires

COUNTER-POINTE

By PRISCILLA DeGREGORY

A former New York City Ballet principal dancer claims his ex-girlfriend’s lawsuit alleging he shared revenge porn was no more than a publicity stunt to bolster her modeling career, according to new court papers.

Chase Finlay — who was sued by student-dancer Alexandra Waterbury in September 2018 — also claims that Waterbury attacked him three times in jealous rages during their sporadic two-year relationship, according to Manhattan Supreme Court papers filed Friday.

Since filing suit, Waterbury “has maligned Mr. Finlay and made numerous malicious, false and/or misleading statements about him to the public both in the press and on social media to promote her own career ambitions,” the court papers allege.

Finlay says that their relationship — which spanned 2016 through 2018 — was “marked by jealousy and an excessive use of alcohol by both individuals,” which escalated to her hitting him on three occasions — May 13, 2017, Nov. 22, 2017, and Jan. 30, 2018, the court documents claim.

One of the alleged attacks left Finlay with a black eye, the court papers allege.

Then after Waterbury discovered that Finlay had sent racy pictures of her to other NYCB dancers, she began demanding money from him and at least one other person in exchange for keeping quiet about the incident, the filings allege.

“I’m sure city ballet would loooooove this,” Waterbury allegedly texted Finlay on May 25, 2018, as she demanded a \$20,000 payment, the court papers claim.

And despite Finlay asking Waterbury to return the keys to his apartment that same day, she used them to enter his place and take some 200 pages’ worth of screen shots from his computer

without his permission, the court documents allege.

Waterbury eventually dropped her demand for the payment from Finlay and others, bragging to another dancer that with a lawsuit she “would win a lot” of money because the NYCB had insurance companies that would pay her, and the NYCB was worth a half a billion dollars,” the court papers claim.

While Waterbury did sue the ballet company and three other men, a judge has since tossed out those claims, leaving only one claim against Finlay for sending the pictures.

Finlay is asking a judge to dismiss Waterbury’s case and grant him unspecified damages. Finlay resigned in the wake of the scandal in 2018 and hasn’t danced professionally since, court papers say.

“It is unfortunate that after all that he has done to Ms. Waterbury, as alleged in the complaint, that Mr. Finlay has engaged in this type of conduct,” Waterbury’s lawyer, Jordan Merson, told The Post. “The counterclaims are baseless, retaliatory and we are confident that they will be dismissed.”

Finlay’s lawyer declined to comment.

SPLITSVILLE:
The relationship between Alexandra Waterbury and ballet dancer Chase Finlay took a terrible turn in 2018.



**‘Revenge
porn’ NYC
Ballet star
sues, too**

Patrick McMullan via Getty Image

Stab and grab on teen

A 16-year-old boy was stabbed early Tuesday in Brooklyn by a thief who made off with the teen’s cellphone.

The victim was attacked at around 5:40 a.m. at Euclid and Atlantic avenues in Cypress Hills, police said. The stabbed teen was first listed in critical condition but has since been upgraded to sta-

ble, cops said. It was not immediately clear whether he knew his attacker or what hospital he was taken to.

Eliezer Aguilar, 18, who was with him at the time, said the victim was stabbed three times — two minor cuts around the hip and once in the neck, a more severe wound.

Amanda Woods

MTA goes ‘live’ with new map

The MTA on Tuesday launched a new “live” online subway map, which allows straphangers to see where trains are in the system in real time — and adjusts the lines to reflect service changes.

“No longer will people have to decipher a range of in-sta-

tion signs — you can plan your commute from the palm of your hand,” interim New York City Transit President Sarah Feinberg said as she unveiled the map.

The map — available at map.mta.info and through the MyMTA app — draws elements from the current

“static” subway map from 1979 as well as the famous “diagram” designed by Massimo Vignelli in the early ‘70s.

Moving gray rectangles represent trains, and straphangers will be able to see service changes — for instance when an E train runs on the F line.

David Meyer



STREET-FIGHTING MAN: A police officer wearing riot gear tangles with a woman at a May protest in Seattle.

Seattle cops quit Cite riots, 'socialist' pols

By LIA EUSTACHEICH

Veteran officers are quitting the Seattle Police Department, citing a "socialist City Council" and months of riots.

The blistering responses were given in exit interviews with resigning cops, KOMO-TV reports.

A retiring patrol sergeant who spent more than 20 years on the SPD noted, "I refuse to work for this socialist City Council and their political agenda... [that] sacrifices the health and well-being of the officers, and ultimately will destroy the fabric of this once-fine city."

A patrol officer from the Emerald City's East Precinct said he quit after several years due to a "current hostile work environment... [in] a precinct that is under civil unrest by a small group that is constantly committing multiple felonies and attempting to murder peace officers."

Police were forced to abandon the East Precinct in June amid violent protests in the area that led to the rise of the "Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone" in which anarchists took over a neighborhood.

Asked, "What did you enjoy least about working at SPD?" the officer responded, "I enjoyed almost every aspect of working with Seattle PD itself. The one thing that I

enjoyed the least was the handling of the last three months of riots."

Other cops noted the riots and lack of support from the city's government when asked, "What factors had a negative effect on morale in the department?"

"The council wanting to defund us," replied one officer. "Rioters not being charged even when they assault officers."

Asked, "Would you like to work for SPD again in the future?" a K-9 officer who's been on the force for 11 years answered, "I highly doubt it. You could pay me twice what you're paying me now and I would not work for Seattle under this current political mayhem, Marxist collaborations and lack of government and police leadership."

The officers are leaving for departments in the Washington state communities of Des Moines, Everett and Kennewick, as well as the Pierce County Sheriff's Office.

"It's an absolute joke and a travesty for the rest of the citizens here in this city, this once-beautiful city," Jim Fuda, director of law-enforcement services for Crimestoppers, told KOMO.

"Our Police Department is there to protect all of us, and because of the cutbacks and the retirements, who's going to protect our public safety?"

Reuters

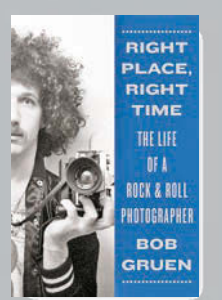
ANOINT & SHOOT

Rock fotog shares stories behind iconic pics

By CHUCK ARNOLD

When you've spent your five-decade career shooting rock royalty, it's tough to play favorites.

"It's hard for me to even make a Top 10 list," said legendary lensman Bob Gruen, 75, who released his memoir, "Right Place, Right Time: The Life of a Rock & Roll Photographer," this week. "When you hang out with John Lennon or [the Clash's] Joe Strummer or [the New York Dolls'] David Johansen or Debbie Harry or Tina Turner, who's the No. 1? I have had some very exciting times with some very exciting people."



But the longtime Greenwich Village resident — whose memoir reveals the stories behind his iconic images with help from writer Dave Thompson — told The Post that he never put his starry subjects on a "pedestal," in turn putting them at ease. And he bonded with them when the camera wasn't clicking.

"It's about capturing those moments and not capturing them, to be able to share times when you don't take pictures," he said. "You develop a trust and a friendship, then when you are taking pictures you're in a much more comfortable situation."

Although Gruen has published "about 15" photo books, his latest tome is very different.

"This is not a photo book — it's a word book," he said. "The whole point is to read the stories."

Here, he shares what went into some of his classic shots.



Bob Gruen +

Elton John meets Stevie Wonder, 1973 ►

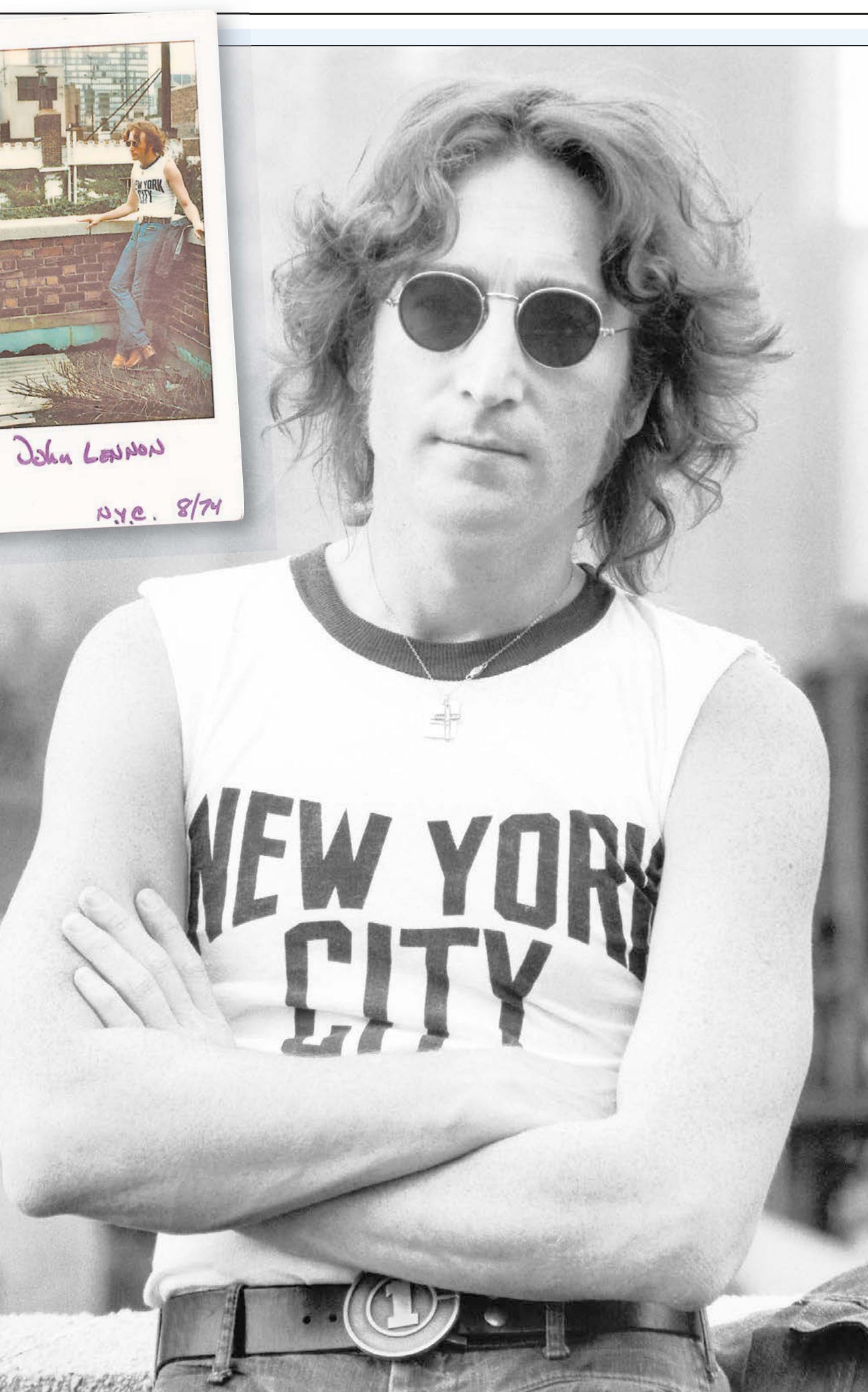
"That was on a plane called the Starship — it was a very fancy, private 720," said Gruen. "A number of different bands rented the plane, and Elton John had it for the month. And Stevie Wonder was coming to a concert in Boston to see Elton, so his publicist invited him to come on the plane but didn't tell Elton. So when we got there, Stevie Wonder was actually in one of the bedrooms in the back, and Elton didn't know that he was on the plane. And when we took off, Elton just wanted to take a nap before the show, and the publicist wouldn't let him. She told him that the plane company had hired a piano player and that Elton just had to come back and see the piano player. Finally, he walks back, and Stevie Wonder was playing 'Crocodile Rock.'"



◀ Johnny Rotten and Sid Vicious, 1977

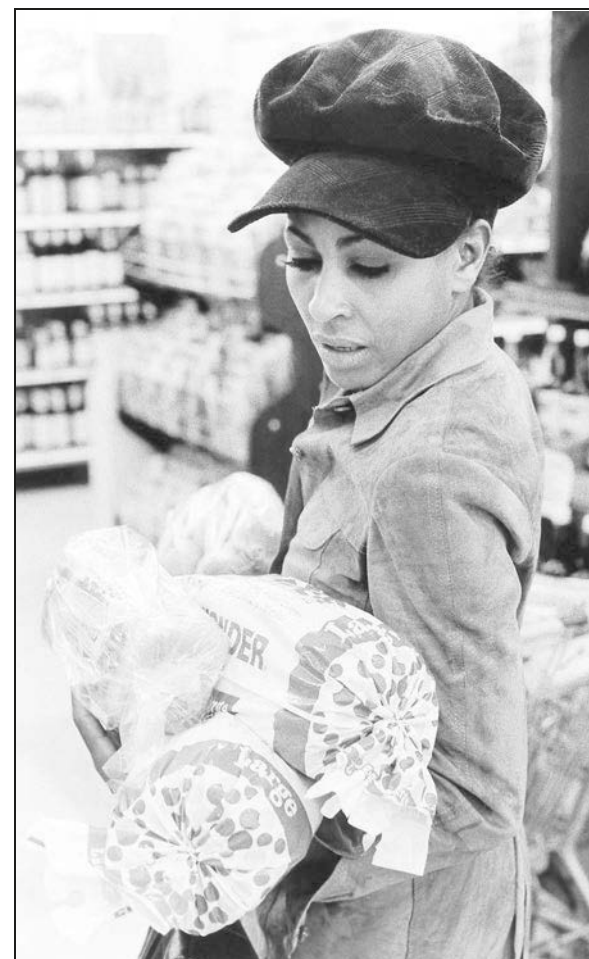
"Malcolm McLaren invited me to come to a Radio Luxembourg interview with the Sex Pistols, and we left London around 8 o'clock in the morning and barely made the plane," said Gruen. "Soon as we got on the plane, they started drinking. And I was sitting across the aisle from them, and I was taking some pictures of Johnny [Rotten] and Sid [Vicious]. Then, I noticed the little girl in front, and I backed up a little bit to get the picture of her, all wide-eyed in wonder. And to me that picture is kind of like, 'Yes, there is a monster under your bed.'" So who was his unwitting little subject? "We have no idea," said Gruen. "We've never heard from her. She's probably about 50 years old now."





◀ John Lennon in NYC, 1974

"John was still living separately from Yoko [Ono] at that time, in August '74," said Gruen, "and he had a penthouse apartment on the East Side of Manhattan. He asked me to take pictures for the album cover of 'Walls and Bridges,' and when we were done with that, he said, 'Well, let's take some more pictures for publicity.' And I had given him that shirt a year earlier — a couple of guys used to sell them on blankets in Times Square, and I cut the sleeves off with my buck knife. So I said, 'Do you still have that New York City T-shirt I gave you?' 'Cause it would look great with the skyline behind us.' And in spite of his travels and adventures, he knew right where the shirt was, and he went and put it on. We had no idea at the time that that would become the most iconic picture of him."



▲ Tina Turner buys bread, 1971

"I spent the whole afternoon with Tina — there's another picture [in the book] where she's like a soccer mom bringing her kids to practice," said Gruen, who first met Ike and Tina Turner in 1970 in New York. "But I love the one in the grocery store because it shows Tina Turner, at the height of her fame, was a normal mom going out to get lots of bread for lots of peanut butter sandwiches. And literally as she was paying the bill, I took a profile picture of Tina, which ended up being the cover of [1971's] 'Nuff Said.'" It was the first time Gruen landed an album cover.

After being flown out to Los Angeles by Ike, Gruen got intimate access to experience a "typical day" with the Acid Queen.

"We took pictures around the house, her cooking for the kids," he said. "I was comfortable with Ike and Tina. And somehow they were comfortable with me."

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Gotham in Hell

... But sound governance can still deliver us

THIS has been a hellish economic year for Gotham. Before mid-March, New York City's economy boasted nearly 4.1 million private-economy jobs — a record. These jobs spanned corporate law, software design, finance, real estate, manufacturing, construction, health care, retail and services. There was basically a job for everyone, from CEO to dishwasher.

Today is a different story. Shutting down entire industries for months, even for a justified reason, brings mass-scale job destruction. As of late July, New York City was missing 16 percent of its jobs, or 646,100 positions, relative to last July. After the 2008 financial crisis, by contrast, we lost 206,300 jobs.

Blame the duration of New York's lockdowns, as well as interconnections of the city's industries, with Manhattan as the knotted center.

The recession also has begun to slam industries that initially avoided closures. In finance and real estate, the city has lost 34,600 positions, or 7.1 percent of the total. It's obvious that with demand for apartments down, fewer people need a real-estate broker. But banks have also shed employment, with commercial banking giving up 1,800 jobs, or 2.5 percent, relative to last July, and investment banking losing 3,100 jobs, or 6.2 percent.

The professional and business-services industry is down 110,300 jobs, or 13.7 percent, including many temporary workers. A longer-term danger in these fields is not job loss but transfers, with Manhattan's banks and law firms considering opening satellites in New Jersey and Westchester and basing workers at the office nearest their homes, at least some of the time.

So how to begin to move forward? New York should start with what's working — relatively speaking. A visitor to one of New York's many neighborhoods early this fall, walking around on a pleasant evening, would see what seems to be a healthy city. Outdoor restaurant tables on The Bronx's Arthur Avenue and in Brooklyn's Williamsburg and in many other ar-



Stab wound to the heart: A COVID-shuttered storefront in Queens.

eas are packed, a welcome bustle that the city must build on.

Yet the bright spot of reopened restaurants won't last without rent relief, since rent bills are piling up faster than revenue from limited-capacity indoor dining. Beyond rent measures, government can do smaller-scale things to help neighborhood businesses. For instance, state regulators could give restaurants an extra six months on expiring liquor licenses.

Quality-of-life issues are another concern. Illegal vendors populate sidewalks, crowding customers who now must wait outside small stores in order to maintain social distancing. Panhandlers and mentally disturbed people harass passersby. The city isn't responsive.

If a homeless person is sleeping in front of a storefront, the owner can call 311. But 311, in turn, calls social services, which, accompanied by police, ask the homeless individual if he needs help. If the person says no, the site is then logged on 311 as a location where the individual has refused help — and that completes the government response. Meantime, property and business owners must clean up feces and urine.

Confronting the biggest crisis that New York has endured in at least 45 years — maybe ever — elected officials have been bizarrely sanguine about the city's well-being. Neither Mayor de Blasio nor Gov. Cuomo seems to think much about Manhattan and the challenges of its recovery — or the repercussions for

the city's other boroughs if Manhattan doesn't bounce back to its old self.

New York isn't a barrel of oil: When the price goes down, demand won't naturally go up. In the 1970s, when middle-class residents and their employers fled Manhattan, newcomers didn't immediately take their place, renting apartments or office space at now-lower prices. Lower demand for housing in unemployment- and crime-ravaged South Bronx, Bushwick and Harlem neighborhoods resulted in destruction of the supply of apartments, via fire and neglect, not price declines that spurred higher interest.

Gotham was lucky after its previous nadir, in the 1970s. Many American cities never recovered their populations after the tribulations of that era; they still launch serial failed experiments to revive long-desolate downtown business districts.

New York's future is uncertain, but government can do much to ensure that the world continues to choose the city as a home, office or place to visit. Gotham can protect the quality of life from Fordham Road to Eighth Avenue. The state can ensure that mass transit improves, rather than crumbles, so that riders come back. Both levels of government can mediate commercial-rent relief, coupled with property-tax relief for owners who agree to ease up on rent.

If it can reach the other side of the pandemic, New York City can live again.

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FAST TAKES

Economist: Yes, It's a V-Shaped Rebound

"Shutdowns of 'nonessential' businesses caused real GDP to drop at a 31.4 percent annual rate in the second quarter," recalls economist Brian Wesbury at RealClearPolitics. Yet "a V-shaped recovery is being traced out." Later this month, he says, a report will show third-quarter real GDP rebounding at a 33.4 percent annual clip — "one of the largest jumps in output the US has ever experienced." It's "a testament to the underlying strength of the US economy before the shutdowns" and the "seemingly unlimited ingenuity of the American people." It's fortunate we "entered this government-mandated recession with the highest incomes and lowest poverty rate" ever recorded.

Tech beat: Social Media Is State Media

The left is attacking New York Post reporting that exposes Hunter Biden's "influence-peddling" as Russian disinformation, but "the funny thing about *kompromat* — a Russian term for compromising information — is that it is often true," quips Jonathan Turley at The Hill. "Hunter Biden has yet to deny these were his laptop, his e-mails, his images." Twitter's suppression of the story is "an outrageous example of open censorship and bias" and "shows how private companies effectively can become state media working for one party." To allow social-media platforms immunity when they have taken it upon themselves to police content would be a loss of "the greatest single advance in free speech via an unregulated Internet."

Freedom fighter: Unchecked Putin

"Alexey Navalny is the biggest thorn in Vladimir Putin's side," declares The New Yorker's Masha Gessen. Many of his fellow dissidents, such as Garry Kasparov, are exiles or, like politician Boris Nemtsov, dead. When Navalny realized on a flight from Siberia he'd been poisoned, he tells Gessen, "I informed the flight attendant that I was about to die, right there on their plane, and I lay down." He survived. "I find myself living inside of a James Bond movie," except "I'm like a little old man." The nerve agent Novichok has taken its toll. "Now, pulling a T-shirt off — that's truly difficult." Putin, his chief critic says is "the most powerful man on the planet, because nothing keeps him in check. Sure, the US president leads a stronger country, but he is constrained by the courts, by Congress, by the media, by the opposing party."

Legal eagle: Ignorant Opinions on Originalism

Some critics of Judge Amy Coney Barrett's jurisprudence, such as Jamelle Bouie of The New York Times and Hayes Brown of MSNBC, plainly didn't do their research, Ilya Somin explains at The Volokh Conspiracy. They claim "originalists" ignore the huge impact of the post-Civil War amendments to the Constitution, an error that is intended "to privilege white men over blacks and other racial minorities." But "they are badly wrong" and "guilty of ignoring a vast originalist literature devoted to that very subject." Professors such as Michael McConnell, Steve Calabresi, Christina Mulligan, Randy Barnett, Akhil Amar and Somin himself have written extensively on the issue — as did "prominent early originalists such as Robert Bork and Raoul Berger going back to the 1960s," while Justices Clarence Thomas, William Rehnquist and others confronted it in their high-court opinions. Bouie, Brown & Co. "should at least consult relevant specialists before making sweeping claims about originalism."



Robert Bork

Foreign desk: Don Right Not To Talk to Beijing

Actions will speak louder than words when it comes to dealing with "ruthless China," argues Gordon G. Chang at Newsweek. President Trump should continue to ignore calls from national-security professionals, including Henry Kissinger, to begin "long-term discussions with China" — talk "with a militant Chinese regime will almost certainly lead to unfavorable outcomes." Beijing historically "violates obligations and expects counter-parties to comply with theirs," proving it's "futile trying to constrain China's militant regime with words." The "let's-talk-to-China approach" has "failed" for a half-century, as "by trying to talk, as various administrations have done, China perceives an American unwillingness to act." The way forward is to "stop talking to Beijing and start confronting it with vigor."

— Compiled by The Post Editorial Board

Greenwald's Thunder

Glenn Greenwald is an independent-minded man of the left — a Pulitzer-winning journalist who was the main conduit for Edward Snowden's leaks of US government secrets. He's faced down government harassment in Brazil, where he now lives and reports. So his thoughts on The Post's Hunter Biden scoops, and the reaction by other media outlets, are well worth considering. And they're damning.

Tuesday evening, he made these points on Twitter:

● "Is there a single journalist willing to say with a straight face they believe the emails relating to the Bidens are either fabricated or otherwise fraudulently altered, but the Bidens just aren't saying so? There has to be some limits to your willingness to go to bat for them."

● "When you report a huge archive, there's no way to prove the negative that none of it is altered. You investigate & confirm as much as you can, then use your journalistic judgment. The only way you get confirmation is when the subjects of the reporting don't deny the authenticity."

● "When we reported the Snowden archive, we knew it was genuine, but breathed a huge sigh of relief when NSA didn't claim the docs were fake. The same was true with our Brazil reporting over the last year: pub-

lishing private messages from corrupt Bolsonaro officials & prosecutors."

● "As a journalist publishing private communications & docs that are incriminating, you know the subjects of the reporting will immediately claim they're fake *if the[y] are*. Of course they will: that would kill the reporting! There's a reason the Bidens aren't claiming they're fake."

● "I don't think that the emails — so far — reveal a huge scandal. They so far just establish standard sleaze and DC corruption. The huge scandal to me is the blatant rank-closing and cone of silence — a prohibition — erected *by journalists* around this story to defend Biden."

On Tucker Carlson's Fox News show that night, he elaborated:

● "What makes it so much worse is that the reason the Bidens aren't answering basic questions about this story — basic questions like: Did Hunter Biden drop that laptop off at that repair shop? Are the emails authentic? Do you deny that they are? Do you claim any have been altered or any of them fabricated? Did you in fact meet with Burisma executives as these emails suggest? . . . The reason that they don't answer any questions is because the media has signaled that they don't have to. That journalists will be attacked and vilified simply for asking."

Joe the Economy-Killer

America's economy, still rebounding from the pandemic, is at major risk from Joe Biden's economic plans, warns a new Hoover Institution paper.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta just released a "running estimate" of real GDP growth for the third quarter of a whopping 35.3 percent, a historic spike that would offset much of the COVID-caused losses.

Yet Biden's plans threaten the recovery; the Hoover economists project that his program would shave "employment per person by about 3 percent, the capital stock per person by about 15 percent, real GDP per capita by more than 8 percent and real consumption per household by about 7 percent."

That translates to 4.9 million fewer people employed by 2030, \$2.6 trillion less in GDP and \$1.5 trillion less consumption that year alone. And the authors say their figures are conservative estimates of "the negative im-

pact of the full Biden agenda" — his tax hikes, his anti-carbon agenda and the cost of his health-insurance plans.

His limits on carbon emissions, for example, would drastically boost costs for transportation and electricity — dragging down US productivity by as much as 2 percent.

And the pain would be worse, "likely dwarfing" the rest of his agenda, if Biden's energy "goals are taken literally."

The ex-veep would also curb investment by hiking corporate taxes, phasing out the deduction for non-corporate owners and boosting rates on incomes over \$400,000. He'd hit the economy "from three directions," one of the economists, Casey Mulligan, told The Post — by penalizing work, slamming investment and slashing productivity.

All as the nation tries to climb out of the COVID recession — and there'll be no vaccine to fight Bidenomics.

Blas' Newest Low

Add a new chapter to Mayor de Blasio's endless harassment of the Success Academy network: The city Department of Education's is demanding these public schools pay \$500,000 so their kids can use taxpayer-funded athletic fields.

That's right: Huge fees for seven athletic facilities these kids have used for years.

A DOE flack cites the high cost of virus-related cleaning and maintenance. But other public-school kids don't face such fees. Just the mainly poor, mostly Black and Hispanic, scholars of Success — about 300 of whom are

now locked out of their fields, imperiling their chances to score college scholarships.

Each of the seven fields (four in Manhattan, two in Brooklyn, one in The Bronx) is part of a campus Success scholars share with regular public-school children. One is a Harlem field Success renovated at its own cost — and doesn't charge to use.

This may be the most despicable acts yet in de Blasio's long war on Success — including a series of stunts declared illegal by the courts.

Stop making children suffer for your political agenda, Mr. Mayor. It's disgusting.

Covering for the Bidens: The Dems' Big Tech Allies

THE ISSUE: Social-media companies' censorship of The Post's coverage of Hunter Biden's e-mails.



Hunter Biden

● I agree 100 percent with The Post editorial "The Left's Silencers" that Big Tech and the mainstream media are purposefully trying to save Joe Biden's run for the presidency.

It seems that this country is under attack by these far-left socialists who want nothing more than to take our freedoms from us.

But here's the problem for them: Biden is not electable, because he is corrupt. His scheme of conspiring with his son Hunter and other family members to reap the rewards of his vice presidency will ultimately catch up to him, and that may be as soon as the next debate.

President Trump will make sure of that, even though the debate is stacked against him.

The mainstream media and Big Tech can't get away with carrying Biden with softball questions or denying people's ability to discuss damaging evidence. The people of this country have a right to know the full story.

Richard A. Ketay
Newark, NJ

● If conservatives are being censored with a conservative president and a conservative Senate, imagine what it will be like if Biden wins.

It's time to get serious and start thinking about what is best for this country.

Don Whitman
Cross River

● Sen. Josh Hawley clearly outlines why the disinformation and censorship campaign being carried out by Facebook and Twitter must be stopped ("Stop Big Tech," Post-Opinion, Oct. 20).

The stakes for our country's future are too great to allow a handful of self-appointed censors to decide what information the public can

have access to.

Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which gives companies like Twitter and Facebook a "shield to hide behind" as they arrogantly act as censors, should be modified to ensure that a handful of Silicone Valley technocrats don't have the power to influence an election.

Mel Young
Boca Raton, Fla.

● I can't believe that social media can so quickly censor stories that shed a bad light on Biden and Democrats, yet all of these social-media companies allowed the story about Trump's taxes to be posted. What a huge double standard. It's very shameful.

Steve Preziosa
Deptford Township, NJ

● With the current hubbub over the censorship of The Post story regarding Hunter Biden's supposed e-mails suggesting that his father met with a Burisma representative, contrary to his previous claims, the famous Sec. 230 that purportedly shields the social-media networks from liability has come to the forefront.

As a layman, I always understood it to mean that these social-media

networks would not be held liable for posts by third parties as they act as nothing more than an intermediary.

However, I don't believe that Section 230 protects them if they are the originator of an action that harms someone, such as in the case of censorship or lockouts.

An argument can be made that by their actions, said networks harmed The Post's business as well as its good name by their censorship and defamed the character of any and all individuals that were affected by their action.

Sam Birnbaum
Oceanside

● Insanity is the new norm. Two social-media giants, Twitter and Facebook, are blatantly censoring and blocking anything that may harm the presidential candidate of their choice — Biden. This is out-and-out election interference.

One must question why are we not supposed to know about Biden's flip-flopping and his huge family scandal? Because they're intent on dragging this obviously mentally diminished man and his far-left radical running mate across the finish line. This is unethical, unacceptable, and they must be held accountable.

Rosemarie Tipaldo
Port Washington

● The all-encroaching giants of social media are suppressing all statements that are contrary to the truths of "The Party."

I hear the thumping of jackboots coming down the stairs. Resist!

Samuel Frazer
Fort Myers, Fla.

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The New Oppressors

Private corps threaten freedom

COUNTER to what some on the left and the right believe, censorship in America has not disappeared. It has been outsourced.

The Post Office no longer screens our mail for obscene material, and the local librarian is unlikely to ban books. But a system of private corporations controls what Americans can read and see. This system is less obedient to small-town values and religiosity than it is to the Chinese Communist Party and the woke ascendancy.

Not so long ago, only governments were powerful enough to engage in censorship. The rise of the tech giants has changed that.

Google, Facebook and Twitter work hard to maximize their control over the flow of information. Then they turn around and decide what information their users can see.

Last week, Twitter blocked links to The Post's reporting on Hunter Biden. It suspended the accounts of the White House press secretary, House Republicans and the Trump campaign for sharing the story. Facebook also restricted the story, citing "our standard process to reduce the spread of misinformation."

The people who staff and man-

age tech companies are overwhelmingly adherents of a single political creed. They label the views of their opponents as bigotry or "misinformation."

Twitter also recently suspended the account of White House coronavirus adviser Dr. Scott Atlas. YouTube, which is owned by Google, has a policy of deleting "anything that would go against World Health Organization recommendations." As Jacob Siegel noted in

Tablet, at various times this category "would include wearing masks, travel bans and asserting that the virus is highly contagious" even though

those recommendations have shifted over the past few months.

YouTube's policy of deferring to the World Health Organization may sound innocuous, but it is not. That ostensibly neutral body is in fact controlled by the Chinese state. As Foreign Policy reported, "Beijing succeeded from the start [of the pandemic] in steering the World Health Organization (WHO), which both receives funding from China and is dependent on the regime of the Communist Party." Privatizing censorship is bad enough. Offshoring it is even worse.

Say what you will about An-



Digital baron: Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey now wields far more power over what we read than any moralistic postal inspector did in the last century.

thony Comstock, the postal inspector whose name became synonymous with censorship in the early 20th century; he inspected Americans' mail for obscenity. Call him a prude, a snoop, a petty moralist. Still, he is superior to Mark Zuckerberg and Jack Dorsey in one respect: As an agent of the US government, he remained accountable to the people he was censoring. Their representatives could revoke his authority.

Contrast the "moderation policies" of Twitter and Facebook.

These rules can't be appealed at the ballot box. The tech giants are cloaked from public view and resistant to political scrutiny. Because they aren't directly controlled by the American people, they are open to indirect control by foreign regimes. On this score, the new censorship is worse than the old.

How can we fight the new censorship? Through more vigorous use of the state. A possible first step is weakening Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, which insulates social-media

companies from the liabilities of a publisher like The Post. Robby Soave of Reason, a journalist I admire, has written that "the obvious result of removing tech platforms' liability protection would be even more aggressive" censorship.

Even if that proves true, weakening Section 230 could decrease the power of the new censors. Twitter and Facebook would face higher operating costs, thanks to the need for more intense moderation. Threatened with lawsuits, they would face higher legal fees.

As they engaged in more flagrant censorship, they would likely lose users and public legitimacy. Their brands would be damaged, their bottoms lines compromised. Quite possibly, social media would lose reach and importance, just as blogging has done.

At any rate, this is the outcome we should seek, whether through Section 230 reform or some other means. Weakening social-media companies would be easier than compelling them to act neutrally.

And it would have broader benefits. Twitter and Facebook have enabled and profited from cancel culture. And these cash-flush firms have taken eyes and ad revenue from more traditional media organizations, which engage in actual newsgathering. They have brought more misery into my life, and the lives of those I know, than plastic straws, soda and cigarettes combined.

If they suffered from zealous public interference, I would not shed a tear.

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Our Courts *Exist* To Check Majorities

MAKING its case against the re-election of President Trump this week, The New York Times complains that the president has been "filling the benches of the federal judiciary with young, conservative lawyers as a firewall against majority rule." While it is hardly surprising that the Times would be dismayed by the appointment of conservative judges and justices, the suggestion that courts are acting improperly when they check the power of "majority rule" is puzzling.

Courts are supposed to frustrate the will of the majority when it violates the Constitution. Americans on the left and right expect courts to do that, although they disagree about which constitutional constraints judges should be enforcing.

In the same package of anti-Trump essays, the Times worries about the fate of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision in which the Supreme Court said broad abortion bans violate the 14th Amendment's due-process clause. Roe and its progeny clearly impose restrictions on majority rule, telling democratically elected legislatures how far they can go in regulating abortion.

Most conservatives — probably including

Amy Coney Barrett, the originalist Trump picked to replace Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg — believe Roe was wrongly decided, since it relied on the dubious concept of "substantive due process" to discover a right to abortion. Ginsburg herself questioned the court's reasoning, saying an argument based on the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection would have provided a firmer foundation.

But if you think the Constitution, under whatever provision, imposes limits on abortion laws, there is no escaping the conclusion that it requires courts to override some decisions by legislative majorities, even when those decisions are supported by most citizens in a particular state. The same is true of the Court's 2015 ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, another precedent that progressives worry could be threatened by Barrett's appointment.

In Obergefell, a five-justice majority concluded that both the due-process clause and the equal-protection clause require states to recognize same-sex marriages. No matter which argument you prefer, the conclusion

that the Constitution forbids state discrimination against same-sex couples necessarily means the issue can't simply be decided by a popular or legislative vote.

While Democrats overwhelmingly support abortion and marriage rights, they are notably less enthusiastic about judicial intervention in other areas. When it comes to gun control and campaign-finance regulation, for example, most Democrats seem to think majorities should be free to do pretty much whatever they want.

In the landmark 2008 case District of Columbia v. Heller, the four dissenters, all

but one of whom were nominated by Democrats, took the view that "the right to keep and bear arms" imposes no limits at all on gun-control laws. The Democratic Party's platform, which this year talks a lot about gun control but doesn't even pay lip service to the Second Amendment, likewise seems to view it as a nullity.

In the 2010 case Citizens United v. FEC, the Supremes overturned restrictions on the political speech of corporations, including an ideologically diverse array of non-

profit advocacy groups. The four dissenters — again, all but one Dem appointees — were unfazed by the facts of the case, which involved the government's threat to fine a group for airing a movie critical of Hillary Clinton close to an election.

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden, who wants not only to "end Citizens United," but to "prevent outside spending from distorting the election process," seems to take an even narrower view of what Americans should be allowed to say about politicians. But at least he recognizes that a constitutional amendment would be necessary to authorize such sweeping censorship.

During Barrett's confirmation hearing last week, Democrats warned that Republican Supreme Court nominees threaten constitutional rights. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) had a similar complaint about Democratic nominees.

While Democrats and Republicans agree that majority rule doesn't trump the Constitution, they disagree about what that means in practice. Whichever firewall you favor, it is apt to have some holes.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Street rally

Stocks closed higher Tuesday on growing optimism that lawmakers are nearing a deal on a stimulus package. Tech shares mostly shook off the Justice Department's decision to sue Google for allegedly abusing its power.

He's cooking

Uber founder Travis Kalanick's food-delivery startup, Cloud-Kitchens, has spent more than \$130 million on real estate as it looks to build out a network of "ghost kitchens."

The 87G TV

LG's TV of the future is finally on sale — and it costs as much as a brand-new luxury sedan. The Korean electronics giant made its cutting-edge "rollable" TV, which has a 65-inch screen, available for 100 million won, or \$87,000.

Big fare drop

Average one-way airplane ticket prices plummeted 26 percent in the second quarter from a year earlier to \$151, including taxes and fees, according to airfare figures compiled by Cirium. It was the biggest decline on record.

Tidy forecasts

Procter & Gamble, maker of Tide detergent and Dawn dish soap, raised its annual sales and earnings forecasts, as households continued their coronavirus-driven cleaning sprees.

Sources: AP, Dow Jones and Reuters

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EXCLUSIVE

By THORNTON McENERY

Mike Bloomberg has been in talks to take his media empire public through an entity controlled by billionaire Bill Ackman, The Post has learned.

The former mayor and presidential hopeful recently entertained an offer to sell a minority stake in Bloomberg LP — the news agency behind Bloomberg Businessweek magazine and Bloomberg TV — to Ackman's \$5 billion blank-check company, multiple sources said.

If the two men reach a deal, Bloomberg's stock would trade on the New York Stock Exchange in place of Ackman's Pershing Square Tontine Holdings, a blank-check company that has raised \$5 billion to buy or merge with another company that would then take its stock listing.

It's unclear whether Bloomberg will move forward with a partial sale, but the finance mogul — worth an estimated \$55 billion, according to Forbes — has spoken about the plan directly with Ackman, sources said.

Sources say the deal on the table calls for the three-term ex-mayor — national prominence rose this year when he sought the Democratic nomination for president — to sell a small personal stake so he can cash out without giving up control of the news agency he founded in 1981, of which he owns 88 percent.

A Bloomberg LP spokesman told The Post the company is not for sale in any form and denied that a deal is being explored.

Ackman, who via a spokesman declined to comment, earlier this month discussed the possibility of taking a minority stake in a larger company as a way to invest the billions he has raised in his special-purpose (SPAC) acquisition company.

In an interview with fellow hedge-fund manager Whitney Tilson, Ackman reiterated his plans to target an entity valued between \$10 billion and \$15 billion, and said using that money to buy a minority stake in a far larger company could get him a better price.

"If you're selling 100 percent of your company, you want the last dollar. If you're selling 20 percent of your company in a merger which enables you to take your company public but you keep control, you're much less price-sensitive," Ackman said.

Bloomberg LP is a \$60 billion company that generates revenue of \$10 billion a year. Ackman could potentially buy a 20 percent stake for \$12 billion.

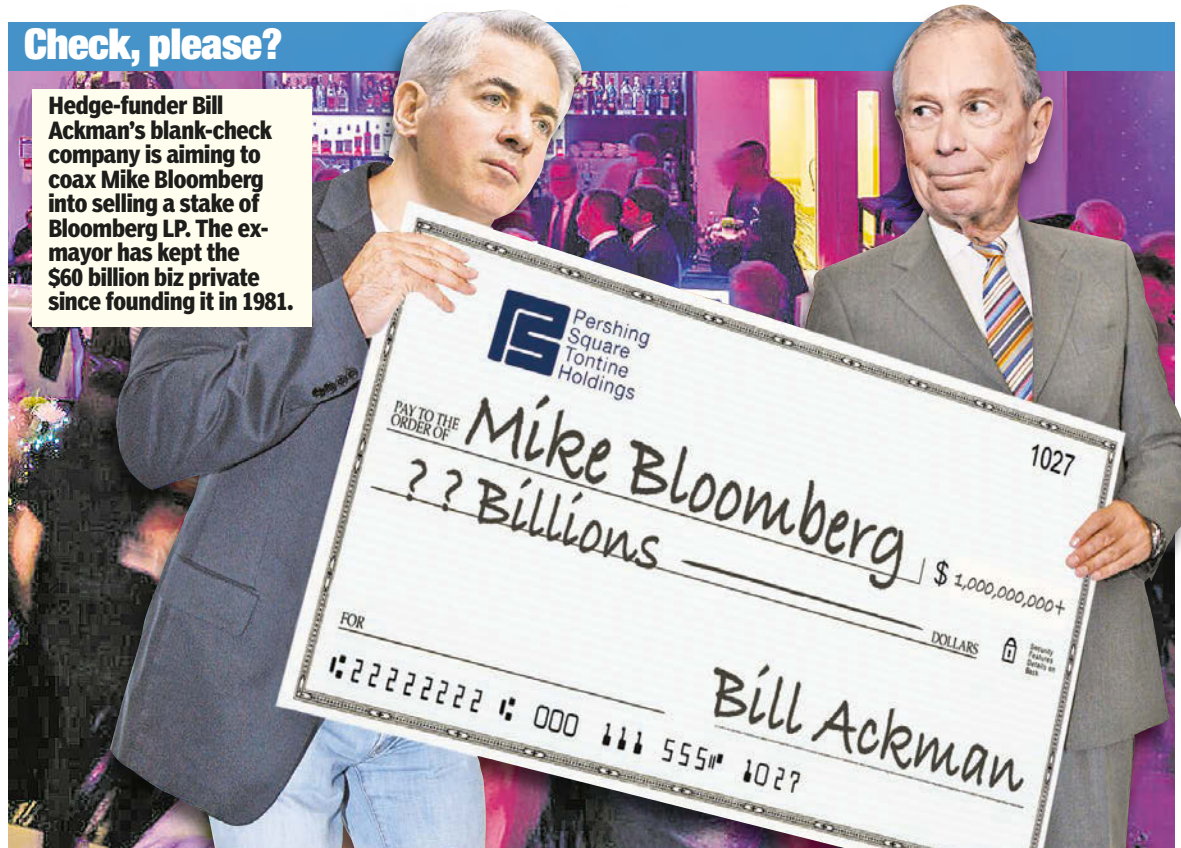
"Twenty percent would be the most Mike would likely give up," said one investment banker with knowledge of the talks. "That's enough to float without giving up too much."

BLOOMY ON NYSE IN PLAY

Financier woos Mike to go public

Check, please?

Hedge-funder Bill Ackman's blank-check company is aiming to coax Mike Bloomberg into selling a stake of Bloomberg LP. The ex-mayor has kept the \$60 billion biz private since founding it in 1981.



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Ackman supported Bloomberg's ill-fated presidential run and the two men developed a personal relationship as a result, sources said.

They are also both signatories of The Giving Pledge campaign founded by Warren Buffett and Bill and Melinda Gates that encourages billionaires to contribute the majority of their wealth to charitable causes before they die.

In the hedge-fund world, Ackman is known for taking big bets in companies. Over the past few months, however, he has shifted his focus to raising billions for his special-acquisition vehicle, which is now the largest ever of its kind, and to hunting for a company to buy with the money.

Sources say Bloomberg LP has long

been at the top of Ackman's list of potential acquisitions, and Wall Street chatter over a potential deal picked up steam after Ackman's plan to merge with Airbnb was reportedly rebuffed in August.

"He has wanted Bloomberg from the start," said one Wall Streeter with knowledge of the Airbnb bid. "He took a run at Airbnb, but Bloomberg was always at the top of his list and the deal makes sense. He loves Mike and it's a huge win for him."

Still, Bloomberg has long resisted overtures to take his company public or dilute his ownership stake. But the deal Ackman has pitched would allow him to cash out some stock without having to surrender control of the company he built from the ground up.

"Mike Bloomberg doesn't need a roadshow or an underwriter, he's too rich and everyone knows what his company does," an investment banker told The Post. "A SPAC is a reasonable way to take his company public, or at least a minority of it."

For Ackman, a merger with Bloomberg would help cement Ackman's transition from hedge-fund manager to tycoon investor.

"If he gets Bloomberg, that's his masterpiece," a rival hedge-fund manager mused. "Even getting 15 percent of that company makes his SPAC the biggest success yet."

"And he can raise another \$5 billion one the next day."

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Lewd 'Toob' oust?

Heat on writer and, yes, The New Yorker



By **KEITH J. KELLY**

THE career of Jeffrey Toobin at The New Yorker and CNN is hanging in the balance after the famous journalist was reportedly seen masturbating on a Zoom call with colleagues, sources told Media Ink.

The New Yorker — where Toobin has been a legal correspondent for decades, writing on everything from the O.J. Simpson trial to the Trump-Ukraine controversy — suspended the 60-year-old scribe on Monday after a report in Vice that he was seen masturbating toward the end of a Zoom call last Thursday.

One former staffer at the magazine said she believes Toobin's 25-year career will come to an end over the incident.

"How do you go back and look your colleagues in the eye?" she said. "When you end up on the front page of the New York Post, it's bad."

But another insider said that while the cringeworthy incident showed poor judgment, its main victim was Toobin himself and his family, with perhaps minor damage to the magazine's reputation.

"The punishment has to fit the crime," said one media executive. "Has the public humiliation been enough?"

It's a sticky situation for Toobin's boss at The New Yorker, editor-in-chief David Remnick. Both were

Taking a hard look

New Yorker editor-in-chief David Remnick (far right) said, "We take such matters seriously and . . . are looking into" the video episode involving writer Jeffrey Toobin, reported in Tuesday's Post.



Post photo composite

hired as writers in the early '90s before Remnick succeeded Tina Brown as E-I-C in 1998.

"Please be assured that we take such matters seriously and that we are looking into it," Remnick wrote in a terse memo to staffers on Monday.

The magazine has declined further comment pending an internal investigation, and CNN said only that their star legal analyst had taken leave to "deal with a personal issue."

A former Harvard-trained assistant US attorney, Toobin has become a bestselling author in addition to his gigs at The New Yorker and CNN. One of his books, "The Run of His Life," about the O.J. Simpson murder trial, inspired the award-winning 2016 FX series, "The People vs. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story."

"Damn, Jeffrey Toobin. At least Pee Wee Herman was in an X-rated movie theater," Simpson tweeted on Monday.

Indeed, insiders were debating this week whether Toobin will suf-

fer the fate of Pee-wee Herman creator Paul Rubens, whose career capsized after he was arrested on lewdness charges in a movie theater in 1991.

Toobin is "a talented writer and what he did was stupid, but it's not like Harvey Weinstein or Les Moonves," opined one supporter.

Weinstein is serving a 23-year sentence for rape and sexual misconduct. Moonves was forced from the top of CBS after facing claims of long-term sexual harassment. Both denied the charges.

But in the age of #MeToo, some speculated that the younger rank-and-file may do more to determine Toobin's fate than Remnick and Roger Lynch, the CEO of Condé Nast, the parent company of The New Yorker.

"It might not be in the hands of the senior executives at Condé Nast," said one source. "It might be in the hands of the junior people."

It won't help that Condé Nast has

been under fire for its lack of diversity recently and the editor-in-chief of Bon Appétit, Adam Rapoport, stepped down recently when an old photo of him wearing brown-face surfaced.

"It depends on how agitated the employees are," said one executive.

The closest recent parallel in the media world may be former Hearst Magazines president Troy Young, who was forced to resign in late July after an explosive New York Times story reported on lewd remarks that he was alleged to have made over the course of his career at the publisher of Cosmopolitan and Good Housekeeping.

Initially, sources said top brass at Hearst were thinking about reprimanding Young and allowing him keep his job. But after younger staffers, especially women, expressed outrage, he was gone within 24 hours.

"If [Toobin] is viewed as a privileged white guy from Harvard, doing whatever the f--k he wants and getting away it, it might force their hand," said one source.

And already #MeToo bin was trending.

"He's a privileged white man who decided to pleasure himself at work to the detriment of his colleagues," legal personality Adrienne Lazarus tweeted on Tuesday. "Black men are fired for much less and without your sympathy. If it disturbs you to see Toobin suffer actual consequences, do check yourself."

CNN was likewise under fire. "@CNN will hunt down grandmothers who post GIFs they don't like," one critic tweeted. "But they will play defense for a colleague whose conduct is really indefensible."

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Walmart ad biz to hit \$1B

Walmart's advertising arm is expected to rake in nearly \$1 billion in sales this year as the retail giant works to expand the nascent business, a new report says.

That would more than double the sales brought in last year by Walmart Media Group, which the Arkansas-based chain launched to capitalize on its trove of shopper data by placing ads for brands on its Web site and inside its 4,700 US stores, Reuters reported Tuesday.

The growth comes as the nation's largest retailer pursues a politically sensitive deal to invest in TikTok, the popular video-sharing app that analysts have said would be fertile ground for digital ads from Walmart or its partner companies.

But Walmart is forging ahead with its advertising business despite the uncertainty around the deal, according to Reuters.

The company has used its wealth of consumer data to improve how it targets ads it offers and convinced some advertisers to ink long-term contracts, the news agency reports.

"There have been very material gains, but it doesn't yet put a dent in Amazon's lead or Walmart's top or bottom line," a source briefed on Walmart's plans told Reuters.

Noah Manskar

Reeling AMC in cash push

AMC Entertainment, the country's largest movie-theater chain, said Tuesday it is looking to raise more cash as the coronavirus pandemic continues to hammer its business.

The cinema chain, which plans to sell up to 15 million shares, said in an SEC filing that it expects revenues for the three months ended Sept. 30 to plunge 91 percent to \$119 million from \$1.32 billion a year earlier.

Shares of AMC plummeted 13 percent to \$3.09.

AMC reiterated a recent warning that the company could run out of cash by the end of the year or by early 2021. Alexandra Steigrad

Ta\$tier restaurant forecast for 2021

By **LISA FICKENSCHER**

The battered restaurant industry appears to be waking up from its coronavirus-induced coma, an influential debt ratings agency has found.

Moody's Investor Services on Monday boosted its rating for the struggling industry to "stable" from "negative," cit-

ing customers' increasing willingness to dine out.

The rating agency said it expects industrywide operating profit to rise 15 percent in 2021 after falling by more than 30 percent in 2020, led by fast-food drive-thrus and takeout.

"The stable outlook for the US restaurant industry reflects slowly improving busi-

ness conditions over the next 12 to 18 months, as restrictions implemented to curb the spread of the coronavirus are slowly eased and customers gradually return to dining out," Moody's vice president Bill Fahy said in a statement.

Quick-service restaurants, especially those with drive-thrus, lead the pack, Moody's

said. Casual eateries have been helped by their pivot to curbside pickup and delivery, it said.

Moody's also warns that restaurants still face plenty of risks, including social-distancing rules that limit their indoor-dining capacity and consumers' preference for eating outdoors, a prospect

that will become more difficult in the winter months.

Restaurants also face increasing competition from supermarkets, convenience stores and coffee chains, including Starbucks and Dunkin' Brands, that are serving up more prepared food than ever before, according to Moody's.



JACK MA

Wealth hits \$58.8 billion.

Richest in all of China

Jack Ma, founder of e-commerce giant Alibaba, held onto his status as China's richest tycoon this year as surging pandemic-fueled demand for online shopping and services swelled the fortunes of Internet entrepreneurs, said a survey released Tuesday.

Ma's fortune rose 45 percent over 2019 to \$58.8 billion, said the Hurun Research Institute, which follows the country's wealthy.

Ma Huateng, founder of Tencent, which operates the popular WeChat messaging service, was No. 2 at \$57.4 billion, up 50 percent. Debuting at No. 3 was Zhong Shanshan, chairman of bottled-water brand Nongfu Spring, with \$53.7 billion following his company's Hong Kong stock market debut in September.

Rising share prices created an average of five new Chinese entrepreneurs worth at least \$1 billion every week over the past year, according to Hurun's founder, Rupert Hoogewerf. *AP*

Kohl's new 'athleisure'

Kohl's plans to launch a new private-label specialty athleisure brand early next year as part of its push into the growing active- and casual-clothing categories.

The new brand, FLX, will be available in select stores and online from March, the retailer said Tuesday. FLX, the company said, is pronounced "Flex."

Kohl's shares climbed 6.6 percent, to \$20.66.

Dow Jones

Not-so-great Sachs

Goldman chief David Solomon, below, is trying to clean up after a bribe scheme from which fugitive financier Jho Low, far right, used funds to back a Leo DiCaprio film.



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Malay plot's \$2.8B hit on Goldman

Goldman Sachs has reached a deal to pay the Justice Department \$2.8 billion for its role in a multibillion-dollar bribery scheme in Malaysia, according to a report.

The investment banking giant — whose reputation has taken a battering over the scheme, after which fugitive financier Jho Low used proceeds to party with Paris Hilton and even helped bankroll the Martin Scorsese flick "Wolf of Wall Street" — will also admit wrongdoing but avoid a criminal conviction in the deal, Bloomberg reported.

A Goldman subsidiary in Asia that helped raise money for a corrupt investment fund is expected to plead guilty this week, according to the Wall Street Journal. The parent company will admit fault, but won't file a guilty plea that could have crippled its business in the region, the paper reported.

The so-called "deferred prosecution agreement" will allow the department to pursue charges against Goldman if the bank "errs again" within a specific time frame, according to the Journal.

All told, Goldman Sachs will have paid

some \$5 billion in fines — wiping out about two-thirds of a year's profits — after settling up with the department, Malaysia and other agencies for its role in the scheme, according to reports.

The settlement will close years of investigations into the company's investment in the IMDB investment fund, which has been a headache for Goldman Chief Executive David Solomon since he took the helm of the bank three years ago.

The investigations into the company stemmed from billions of dollars it raised for 1Malaysia Development Berhad in Malaysia in 2012 and 2013. Large sums of the cash were allegedly stolen from the fund by cronies of the country's ex-prime minister, Najib Razak.

Razak was convicted of corruption charges and sentenced to jail in July. The former head of state will spend more than a decade in prison and will be forced to pay \$49 million for money laundering, abuse of position and criminal breach of trust.

Ben Feuerherd

2 Morgan execs out in rule breach

Two of the most senior commodities executives at Morgan Stanley are leaving the bank after compliance breaches related to use of communication tools, Bloomberg News reported Tuesday, citing two people familiar with the matter.

Nancy King, global head of commodities, and Jay Rubenstein, head of commodities trading, are leaving.

One of the sources said that a factor behind the terminations was improper use of the WeChat messag-

ing platform as a tool for commercial discussions with counterparties.

King joined Morgan in 1986, Rubenstein in 2007.

Neither Morgan Stanley, nor King, nor Rubenstein responded to requests for comment. *Reuters*

NETFLIX 'DOWN' STREAM

Growth tapers off

By ALEXANDRA STEIGRAD

The healthy growth spurt that Netflix has enjoyed this year because of the coronavirus is finally coming to an end.

The video-streaming giant, which has been one of a handful of companies to get a big business boost from the pandemic, on Tuesday posted weaker-than-expected third-quarter earnings and slowing subscriber growth, sending its shares tumbling nearly 6 percent in after-market trades.

The Los Gatos, Calif.-based company said the tapered-off subscriber growth was largely "expected" after it posted "record first-half results." This spring, locked-down consumers turned to Netflix while pro-sports leagues shut down, concert tours were canceled and movie theaters closed because of state-ordered social-distancing rules.

But during the three months ended Sept. 30, Netflix said it added just 2.2 million global subscribers. That missed the 2.5 million additions it had forecasted in July, as well as last year, when it added 6.8 million paid customers.

It's also sorely short of the 15.8 million and 10.1 million subscribers it added in the first and second quarters. The latest additions bring Netflix's total subscriber tally to nearly 195.2 million, lower than the 196.2 million, analysts had anticipated.

Netflix shares Tuesday sank

5.9 percent in after-hours trading to \$494.40.

Meanwhile, Netflix executives admitted the company faces heightened competition this fall from a number of new streaming platforms including Disney's new Disney+ subscription service, as well as AT&T's HBO Max and NBC's Peacock.

Looking ahead, the streamer said it expects to add 6 million paid subscribers in the fourth quarter, lower than the 8.8 million subscribers it netted in the same period a year ago.

In the quarter, profit rose 19 percent to \$790 million, or \$1.74 a share, versus \$665 million, or \$1.47 a share, a year earlier. Wall Street had forecast profits of \$2.13 a share. Revenue rose 23 percent to \$6.44 billion.

Co-CEOs Reed Hastings and Ted Sarandos touted new shows during the quarter, such as dating reality show "Indian Matchmaking," Darren Star's "Emily in Paris," starring Lily Collins, and "Cobra Kai," a series based on "The Karate Kid."

But ultimately, the execs admitted the pandemic has hit production, which is slowly returning after being shut down since mid-March.

"As the world hopefully recovers in 2021, we would expect that our growth will revert back to levels similar to pre-COVID," Netflix execs wrote.

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Snap gets boost from virus

Snap, owner of the single-view messaging app Snapchat, reported revenue surged 52 percent in the latest quarter, as more people signed up to chat with friends and family during the pandemic. Shares jumped 22 percent, to \$34.68, in after-hours trading. *Wire Services*

Senior Health & Wellness

LEADING BY EXAMPLE

Fabulous and over 50, these influencers prove age is just a number

By **PERRI ORMONT BLUMBERG**

THESE guys and gals born before 1970 prove that you're never too old to be hale and hearty, even in a pandemic.

Dr. Michele C. Reed, 52
@fitdocmichelereed

Reed is a New York family physician and certified personal trainer, who also penned "Mentally Fit Physically Strong" (Pipe Publishing). She's also a three-time marathoner.

Having come down with COVID-19 back in March, Reed used the setback as an opportunity for growth. When she was given the green light to resume exercise, she asked her followers to work out with her from afar. Though initially she could barely make it 200 feet without getting tired, in May she asked the group to start walking, running, jogging, or biking a mile a day. In June, they added a martial arts-inspired core workout with Master Michael Wyands. This month's challenge? Try something new and different once a week. Reed ticked that dare off her list by trying the trapeze.

Top tip: "Never underestimate your body's need for a nap. Listen to your body."

Pandemic survival strategy: "I need to exercise to keep my immune system strong. By asking my followers to do a monthly challenge with me, we all get stronger and healthier together."

Tom Holland, 51
@tomhfit

Holland, MS, CSCS, CISSN, is an



exercise physiologist and author. He also hosts the iHeartRadio podcast "Fitness Disrupted." The 26-time Ironman also inspires at the gym as a performance coach.

Top tip: "Focus on doing micro-workouts through the day, say five minutes of core exercises in the morning and a 20-minute walk at lunch. It all adds up."

Pandemic survival strategy: "Don't fret about not going to the gym. Three 10-minute bouts of exercise has the same effect as one continuous 30 minute session."

Julie Kaminski, 54
Facebook.com/TheWalking-BookClub

Kaminski, NBC-HWC, took to walking the road. Her Facebook page, the Walking Book Club discussion group, is a global, virtual community that encourages people to engage the body (walk, cycle, run, tap dance) while listening to audiobooks, thereby simultaneously flexing the mind. The group also offers daily posts to keep motivated.

Top tip: "Take time to recognize 'cupcake moments' — bite-size positive occurrences that deserve savoring. They might be the smallest of happenings like a hot cup of coffee or a surprise call from a friend. Like gratitude, they shift attention toward the positive."

Pandemic survival strategy: "Connect with people that make you smile. Positive relationships may be the most critical element of a thriving life."

Dr. Frank Lipman, 66
@franklipmanmd
Lipman is chief medical officer of



Elie Kaminski Photography

Julie Kaminski advises walking while listening to a book.

the Well, an immune supplement Web site. He recommends curcumin, an anti-inflammatory to help with both immunity and longevity.

Top tip: "As you shift into your 50s and beyond, it's important to eat less, cut down on carbs, sugar and animal protein and increase the consumption of plant protein. I also use supplements — it's not always possible to get our full nutrients from food consumption."

Pandemic survival strategy: "Get up from your computer and walk around as much as possible."

Lara Heimann, 51
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Heiman is a physical therapist and creator of LYT Yoga.

Top tip: "Remember an activity you did in your earlier years like aerobics, karate, and revisit it. When older folks don't move regularly, we put ourselves at higher risk of chronic diseases and weaker muscles and bones, which can lead to an increased risk of falling and depression."

Pandemic survival strategy: "Just because you are in quarantine doesn't mean you can't move. And do so in a way that feels joyful! Dance, scream, laugh, move. It reminds us of being alive."

Zachary Berk, 73
Happco.com

Berk is a chiropractor and meditation expert, and runs a self development Web site.

Top tip: "When we get stressed, we tend to avoid facing our fears, letting this nervous energy persist. Under these circumstances, people tend to put their meditative practice on hold."

Pandemic survival strategy: "Meditation helps create a positive mindset and that determines how you respond to each situation. If you are centered, you will be more creative and more effective in solving each challenge."

5-MINUTE DAILY UPLIFTS

YOU can reap mental health benefits in just a few minutes with these quick, easy wellness hacks.

Get outside

"Exposure to fresh air and natural light triggers endorphins making you feel happier, energized and more positive," said John Fawkes, NSCA-certified personal trainer and managing editor of wellness Web site the Unwinder. "Just a few minutes around the block is enough." Also, "The exposure to light is necessary to produce vitamin D3, essential for our bones," said Dr. Lina Velikova, medical advisor for Supplements 101.

Write a card

"Find some of your old photos," (make copies or snap a photo) "and write anecdotes on the back, or craft unique cards, or write simple notes and send to your friends and family," said Velikova. "Knowing that you'll make someone's day better brings great joy."

Reminisce

Dr. Tara Swart, neuroscientist and author of "The Source: Open Your Mind, Change Your Life" (Vermilion) is a big fan of the research by Professor Ellen Langer at Harvard, which showed that "people in their late 70s or 80s who lived as though they were 20 years younger by reminiscing . . . showed improvements in visual acuity, memory, musculoskeletal strength and even height after just one week."

Swart advises reminiscing for one to five minutes on a daily basis, and journaling your reminiscences and the emotions brought up. "Writing it down afterwards not only cements the effect but can be something joyful to read over."

Play old-time rock 'n' roll

"Putting on music — preferably nostalgic dance tunes — and dancing up a storm in your living room works wonders for the soul," commented psychiatrist Dr. Carole Lieberman.

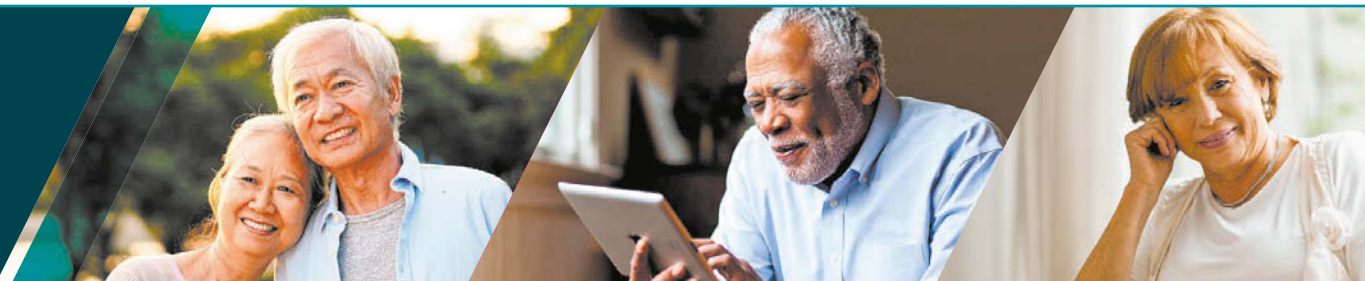
Laugh it up

"Try turning on a sitcom, watching YouTube videos or looking up jokes on the Internet," said Lieberman.

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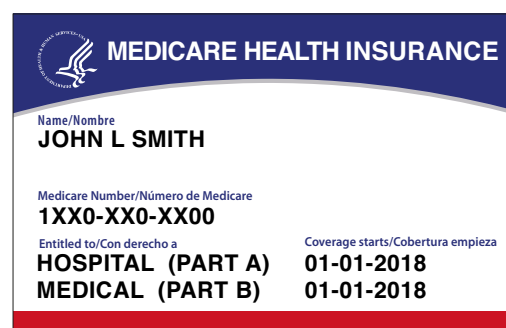
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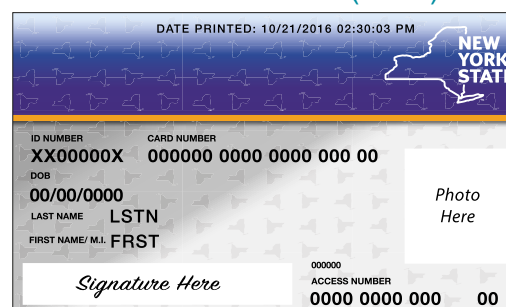
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PROFESSIONAL

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The Unit will be sold AS IS.

Dated: October 1, 2020

Borah, Goldstein, Altschuler, Nahins & Goidel, P.C. Attorneys for Apartment Corporation 377 Broadway New York, New York 10013 (212) 431-1300, ext. 319 Contact: Tilly Wong

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	4	2	0	.666	156	168
Miami	3	3	0	.500	160	113
New England	2	3	0	.400	109	110
Jets	0	6	0	.000	75	185
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Tennessee	5	0	0	1.000	164	126
Indianapolis	4	2	0	.666	157	115
Houston	1	5	0	.166	146	182
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.166	125	181

North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	0	0	1.000	156	94
Baltimore	5	1	0	.833	179	104
Cleveland	4	2	0	.666	163	187
Cincinnati	1	4	1	.250	129	157

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Kansas City	5	1	0	.833	175	127
Las Vegas	3	2	0	.600	151	152
Denver	2	3	0	.400	100	110
L.A. Chargers	1	4	0	.200	110	125

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	2	4	0	.333	173	218
Philadelphia	1	4	1	.250	141	175
Giants	1	5	0	.166	101	152
Washington	1	5	0	.166	108	162
South	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	4	2	0	.666	177	122
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	153	150
Carolina	3	3	0	.500	138	141
Atlanta	1	5	0	.166	162	184

North	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Chicago	5	1	0	.833	128	116
Green Bay	4	1	0	.800	162	139
Detroit	2	3	0	.400	133	143
Minnesota	1	5	0	.166	155	192

West	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Seattle	5	0	0	1.000	169	135
Arizona	4	2	0	.666	166	112
L.A. Rams	4	2	0	.666	152	114
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	148	130

Thursday- Week 7

Giants at Philadelphia, 8:20pm

Sunday

Buffalo at **Jets**, 1pm

Pittsburgh at Tennessee, 1pm

Green Bay at Houston, 1pm

Cleveland at Cincinnati, 1pm

Carolina at New Orleans, 1pm

Detroit at Atlanta, 1pm

Dallas at Washington, 1pm

Seattle at Arizona, 4:05pm

Kansas City at Denver, 4:25pm

San Francisco at New England, 4:25pm

Jacksonville at L.A. Chargers, 4:25pm

Tampa Bay at Las Vegas, 8:20pm

Bye: Baltimore, Indianapolis, Miami,

Minnesota

Monday

Chicago at L.A. Rams, 8:15pm

Transactions

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

American League

Tampa Bay Rays: Returned RHP Aaron Slegers and LHP Jose Alvarado to the minor leagues. Activated RF Brett Phillips and LHP Ryan Sherriff.

World Series

(Best-of-7) **x- if necessary;**
At Arlington, Texas; All Games on FOX and ESPN Radio (98.7 FM)
Tampa Bay Rays vs. LA Dodgers
Dodgers lead series, 1-0.
Game 1: Dodgers 8, Rays 3
Wed.: Rays vs. Dodgers, 8:08pm
Fri.: Dodgers vs. Rays, 8:08pm
Sat.: Dodgers vs. Rays, 8:08pm
x-Sun.: Dodgers vs. Rays, 8:08pm
x-Tue.: Rays vs. Dodgers, 8:08pm
x-Wed.: Oct. 28 Rays vs. Dodgers 8:09pm

World Series, Gm. 1 Dodgers 8, Rays 3

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Diaz 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.250
Lowe 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Arozarena dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	.000
Renfroe rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Meadows ph-rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Margot lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	.250
Wendle 3b-ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	.250
Adames ss	2	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Choi ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Brosseau ph-3b	1	0	1	1	0	0	01.000
Kiermaier cf	3	1	2	2	0	0	.667
Zunino c	3	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Totals	32	3	6	3	1	10	

Los Angeles	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg
Betts rf	4	2	2	1	1	1	.500
Seager ss	2	1	0	0	3	0	.000
Turner 3b	4	1	1	0	1	2	.250
Muncy 1b	4	2	2	2	1	0	.500
Smith dh	5	1	1	1	0	2	.200
Bellinger cf	4	1	1	2	0	1	.250
Taylor 2b-lf	3	0	2	1	1	1	.667
Pederson lf	2	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Hernandez ph-2b	2	0	1	1	0	0	.500
Barnes c	4	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Totals	34	8	10	8	7	11	

Tampa Bay	000	010	200	—	3	6	0
Los Angeles	000	242	00x	—	8	10	0

LOB: Tampa Bay 3, Los Angeles 9. **2B:** Wendle (1), Turner (1), Muncy (1). **HR:** Kiermaier (1), off Kershaw; Bellinger (1), off Glasnow; Betts (1), off Fleming. **RBIs:** Kiermaier 2 (2), Brosseau (1), Bellinger 2 (2), Muncy 2 (2), Smith (1), Taylor (1), Hernandez (1), Betts (1). **SB:** Betts 2 (2), Seager (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 1 (Margot); Los Angeles 4 (Barnes 2, Bellinger, Smith). **DP:** Tampa Bay 1 (Diaz, Wendle, Diaz); Los Angeles 1 (Hernandez).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Glasnow, L, 0-1	4.1	3	6	6	6	8	11212	4.6
Yarbrough	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	19	0.00
Fleming	2.2	5	2	2	1	2	40	6.75
Curtiss	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0.00

Los Angeles	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Kershaw, W, 1-0	6.0	2	1	1	1	8	78	1.50
Floro	0.1	2	2	2	0	1	1554	0.00
Gonzalez	0.2	0	2	0	0	0	14	0.00
Baez	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0.00
Kelly	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	0.00

T: 3:24. A: 11,388 (40,300).

Tennis

ATP World Tour European Open

At Lotto Arena; Antwerp, Belgium;
Purse: \$394,800; Surface: Hardcourt indoor; Tuesday (seedings in parentheses):
Men's Singles - Round of 32
Cameron Norrie, Britain, def. Emil Ruusuvuori, Finland, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Daniel Evans, Britain, def. Salvatore Caruso, Italy, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Federico Coria, Argentina, 6-2, 6-3.
Marcos Giron, United States, def. Luca Nardi, Italy, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Lloyd Harris, South Africa, def. Corentin Moutet, France, 7-5, 6-2.
Alex de Minaur (8), Australia, def. Richard Gasquet, France, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Zizou Bergs, Belgium, def. Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 7-5, 7-5.

MLS

EAST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	12	2	5	41	30	17
Philadelphia	11	3	5	38	34	17
Columbus	10	4	4	34	30	15
Orlando City	8	2	8	32	30	18
New England	7	5	7	28	21	18
NYCFC	8	8	3	27	24	19
Red Bulls	7	8	4	25	22	23
Nashville SC	6	6	6	24	18	17
Montreal	7	10	2	23	29	36
Chicago	5	8	5	20	24	28
Atlanta	5	10	4	19	18	22
Inter Miami CF	5	11	3	18	19	29
Cincinnati	4	11	4	16	11	30

D.C. United	3	10	6	15	17	33
WEST	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle FC	9	4	4	31	35	17
Portland	9	5	4	31	38	30
Sporting K.C.	9	6	3	30	31	25
Los Angeles FC	7	7	4	25	40	34
Minn. United	6	5	6	24	28	23
FC Dallas	6	5	6	24	22	20
San Jose	6	7	6	24	28	43
Vancouver	7	12	0	21	22	40
Real Salt Lake	5	7	6	21	24	29
Houston	4	7	8	20	27	32
Colorado	5	4	4	19	25	20
LA Galaxy	5	9	3	18	22	34

Note: 3 pts. for win, 1 for tie

Tuesday

Nashville 3, FC Dallas 0

Wednesday

Sporting K.C. at Colorado ppd.

Thursday

Portland at Seattle FC, 10:30pm

Friday

New England at Nashville, 8:30pm

Saturday

Red Bulls at Chicago, 7:30pm

Montreal at **NYCFC**, 7:30pm

Orlando City at Miami, 3:30pm

D.C. United at Atlanta, 4pm

Minnesota at Cincinnati, 7:30pm

Toronto FC at Philadelphia, 7:30pm

Columbus at Houston, 8pm

Colorado at Sporting K.C., 8:30pm

FC Dallas at Salt Lake, 9:30pm

San Jose at Vancouver, 10pm

Sunday

LA Galaxy at Los Angeles FC, 3:30pm

Tuesday

Nashville at Montreal, 7pm

Seattle FC at Vancouver, 10pm

Wednesday, October 28

New England at **Red Bulls**, 7pm

NYCFC at Toronto FC, 7:30pm

Sporting K.C. at Cincinnati, 7:30pm

Atlanta at Orlando City, 7:30pm

Chicago at Philadelphia, 7:30pm

Columbus at D.C. United, 8pm

Colorado at Minnesota, 8pm

Miami at FC Dallas, 8:30pm

LA Galaxy at Portland, 10pm

Houston at Los Angeles FC, 10:30pm

Salt Lake at San Jose, 10:30pm

Saturday, October 31

Houston at FC Dallas, 3:30pm

Chicago at Nashville, 8:30pm

Soccer

UEFA Champions League

Juventus 2, Dynamo Kiev 0
Club Brugge 2, Zenit St. Petersburg 1
Barcelona 5, Ferencvaros 1
Chelsea 0, Sevilla FC 0
Lazio 3, Borussia Dortmund 1
Manchester United 2, Paris Saint-Germain 1
RB Leipzig 2, Istanbul Basaksehir 0
Stade Rennes 1, Krasnodar 1
Scottish Premiership
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5	Justinspeightfl(L),121	IGonzalz	4-5-2 3
2	Shandian(L),118	HDiazJr	7-5-6 4
3	Feisty Kitten(L),118	CDmng	4-7-5 6
4	SeekHimFirst(M),118	JBatist	x-x-x 10
6	NeptunesRvng(L),118	T Mejia	9-9-5 10
7	Ears Fly(L),118	FPetrns	3-6-5 15
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9	Ninth of April(L),118	CHrmd	2-6-7 8
10	Who Isarett(L),118	FPetrns	6-6-4 4
11	What's Up Mr.,118	CHrmd	x-x-x 12
12	EmptyHolster(L),118	AGallrd	5-6-6 4
13	Blackshear(L),123	T Mejia	2-4-3 6
14	Hay Lad(L),118	CDeCl	7-12-9 20
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PN	Horse,Wt.	Jockey	Last 3 Odds
6	CanUHandThs(L),121	FPetrns	2-4-2 2
1	Two Carat(L),124	AGallrd	1-3-1 3
2	Elegant Rose(L),124	ICastill	5-1-5 6
3	OceanoRosso(L),121	J Ferrer	2-3-5 4
4	BlazingBrooke(L),121	HPanaj	10-7-9 10
5	StarliteMission(L),121	HDiazJr	2-4-6 10
7	Shandian(L),124	HDiazJr	7-5-6 4
8	SizzlingRoma(L),121	JVrgs	5-1-7 8

By MARC BERMAN

It doesn't mean the Knicks will pick him if he falls to No. 8 in the upcoming NBA draft, but Killian Hayes currently has a narrow edge as the second point guard on their board after LaMelo Ball, according to league sources.

Hayes, a 19-year-old left-hander who played in Germany last season, is considered to have a more supreme skill set than the other lottery-projected point guards, such as Tyrese Haliburton, Kira Lewis, Cole Anthony, RJ Hampton, Theo Maledon and Tyrese Maxey.

It should be noted the NBA has just relaxed player-workout rules, allowing 4½-hour in-person workouts/interviews/medical evaluations, so a turn of affairs still could be in order before Nov. 18. Four team officials would be permitted at a Hayes workout.

The Knicks went into last season with an eye toward drafting a point guard of the future, but they have not been stuck on that idea since president Leon Rose took charge in March. For instance, if forward Obi Toppin falls to the eighth spot, they certainly would pounce. Small forward Isaac Okoro also is an intriguing option.

Hayes has agreed to do a limited number of in-person workouts. The Knicks probably will be granted an audience, according to a source.

An in-person workout is considered important since Hayes didn't benefit from the exposure of playing college basketball.

Hayes was born in Florida, but his father, DeRon Hayes, played basketball in France after a four-year college ca-

VIEW TO A KILL'

Sources: Knicks may be turning draft gaze toward France again for point guard Hayes



EIGHTH WONDER: Point guard Killian Hayes, who was born in Florida and raised in France, might be in for an in-person meeting with the Knicks, who are considering the German-league product with the No. 8 pick in the upcoming NBA draft.

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reer at Penn State. Hence, Hayes grew up in France.

Hayes opted against the NCAA and played for Ratiopharm Ulm in the German League.

"He's a great pick-and-roll point guard," said Rashad Phillips, a former college and European player who runs the mock draft for his own "Sports Talk 2319" website. "He's a dominant left-handed guard but he has great speed and shift and is a decent shooter."

Hayes' stock has risen since the March shutdown

and he has been projected to go before the eighth pick in some mock drafts. Hayes interviewed with the Knicks in June via Zoom.

The Post has reported the Knicks have seriously considered trading back from the eighth spot to pick up an extra asset in a draft riddled with parity. For instance, they can get a young player, fall to No. 15 and draft someone like Maledon, who is considered a better playmaking point guard.

The Knicks' brass has varying opinions on lottery

picks after Ball and big man James Wiseman, both of whom they covet.

Hayes, in 33 EuroCup and German League games, averaged 11.6 points, 5.4 assists, 2.8 rebounds, 1.5 steals and 3.2 turnovers in 24 minutes. He shot 48.2 percent from the field — 29.4 from 3-point range — and a golden 87.6 percent from the free-throw line.

Hayes has been prone to turnovers and is no speedster, unlike Alabama's Lewis.

"[Hayes] doesn't have blow-by speed but he can

see the floor," one NBA scout said. "He also can be more of a point guard/shooting guard."

Before playing in Germany, Hayes played the previous two seasons for his hometown team, Cholet, beginning at age 16.

Scouts believe Hayes needed to bolt France for stronger competition.

"It was a season I really had to prove I can play in the NBA," Hayes said last month on a Zoom call for draft prospects. "I was a secondary point guard in France. In

Germany, I really had the keys to the team. I had to call out every play."

In France, Hayes got to know the Knicks' 2017 lottery pick, point guard Frank Ntilikina.

"It would be dope," Hayes said of being a Ntilikina's teammate "He's not really a true point guard. He can play the 1 or the 2, so I think it would be a good duo."

"I've known Frank for a long time now, he's told me a lot about the NBA and what it takes to stay in the NBA."

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Defense-minded Nets may go down Holiday road

By BRIAN LEWIS

The Nets' biggest concern, now that Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving are healthy, will be getting stops, not buckets. That's why they have interest in Jrue Holiday.

Once Durant and Irving take the court, the Nets could have a potent offense but problematic defense. They knew that even before hiring Steve Nash. The Post has detailed their interest in Holiday, and now ESPN has reported it dates since February's trade deadline, when they held discussions with the Pelicans.

The trade moratorium ends in the coming weeks, so chatter about the Nets dealing for a third star has

been increasing. While much ink has been spilled over the likes of Pacers guard Victor Oladipo, Pistons forward Blake Griffin and even Wizards star Bradley Beal, a perimeter defender is needed more. Holiday would be the gold standard available on the market.

"On the market" is a relative term, and his availability may well hinge on whom the Pelicans hire as head coach. But considering Durant and Irving's high usage rates, Holiday — a perimeter defender who can change the game without needing the ball in his hands — might be the perfect complement to the Nets' stars.

Holiday averaged 19.1 points and 6.7 assists this past season, shooting

.455 overall and .353 from 3-point range. More importantly, he has made the NBA's All-Defensive team twice and was just named NBA Teammate of the Year.

The 30-year-old combo guard wouldn't come cheap in terms of pay or trade compensation. He's under contract for \$26.1 million this upcoming season, and has a \$27 million player option for 2021-22. The Nets would have to send back at least 75 percent of that contract, and New Orleans surely would want a haul for Holiday.

It's unclear exactly what the Nets and Pelicans discussed before the trade deadline. ESPN speculated any deal could begin with emerging wing Caris LeVert and young cen-

ter Jarrett Allen, while Heavy.com's Brandon "Scoop B" Robinson has opined the Nets could part with Allen while swapping in Spencer Dinwiddie, Dzanan Musa and a first-round pick.

"This organization, we're not really listening to outside noise," LeVert said in a video tweeted Tuesday by the Nets' official website. "We're just trying to get better. We work year-round for this. We dedicate most of our lives to it. Obviously, we have a lot of talent, but no one knows what the future holds."

LeVert's three-year extension kicked in this past season, and while the Nets likely would find it difficult to part with him, he did more in the bubble to raise his

value than anyone else on the team. LeVert averaged 25 points and 6.7 assists to carry the shorthanded roster to a 3-3 mark in the seeding games, then averaged 20.3 points, 9.5 assists and six boards playing point guard in the playoffs.

There are, however, nagging questions of fit where LeVert is concerned. His bloated 29.5 usage percentage — sure to be sliced with the return of Durant and Irving — was in the top 20 according to Basketball Reference, while Holiday's wasn't even in the top 50. And LeVert shot .316 on catch-and-shoot 3s this season, which wouldn't play nearly as well off the Nets' stars as Holiday's .364 would.

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Washington to keep temporary name — at least in '21 season

By TED HOLMLUND

It looks like the Washington Football Team has decided on a name for next season: The Washington Football Team.

Though it originally was thought “Washington Football Team” would be a one-season stopgap after the franchise ditched its controversial nickname over the summer, it now appears the organization will use the new moniker for at least another year.

“There’s a pretty good chance we will be the Washington Football Team next season,” team president Jason Wright told Washington TV station WJLA on Tuesday.

On July 13, Washington retired the name and logo it had used for 87 years following a review that determined many considered it as racist. The new name — Washington Football Team — was announced July 23.

“I think next year is fast [for a new name] because of how the brand has to come together through uniforms, through approval processes through the league,” Wright said Tuesday.

“We could get there quicker, it’s actually pretty hard to get there that quickly because of all the steps that need to happen.”

Owner Daniel Snyder, who has owned the team since 1999, had long been opposed to changing the team’s name. He vowed in 2013 to “never” change his view. He even fought all the way to the Supreme Court to protect the team’s original name.

Snyder was forced to change his tune after corporate sponsors FedEx — which has its name on the stadium in which the team plays — Nike and PepsiCo put pressure on the team to axe the nickname.

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Dolphins turn to Tua

By STEVEN WINE



NO. 1 TAG: Tua Tagovailoa, who sources say is taking over as Dolphins starting QB, celebrates with RB Matt Breida during Sunday’s game against the Jets, when the first-round pick made his NFL debut.

Getty Images

Tua Tagovailoa now has a role to match his jersey number. He’s the Dolphins’ No. 1 quarterback.

The former Alabama star will make his first NFL start next week for Miami, which is turning to him to replace Ryan Fitzpatrick, a person familiar with the team’s decision said Tuesday.

The person confirmed the decision to the Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the Dolphins hadn’t made an announcement.

The change by coach Brian Flores will come after the Dolphins’ bye this week and has been long anticipated, but the timing is surprising because Miami is 3-3. Tagovailoa will start at home against the Rams on Nov. 1.

Tagovailoa made his pro debut in mop-up duty at the end of Miami’s 24-0 victory Sunday over the Jets, going 2-for-2 for 9 yards. He will become the 22nd QB to start

for the Dolphins since Dan Marino retired following the 1999 season.

At Alabama, Tagovailoa wore Marino’s No. 13. That Dolphins jersey is retired, and so the left-handed quarterback now wears No. 1. He was drafted in April with the fifth overall pick — the highest choice Miami has devoted to a QB since Bob Griese in 1967.

Tagovailoa is coming back from a serious hip injury that cut short his Alabama career last November. The recovery slowed his preparation to assume a starting NFL job, as did the coronavirus pandemic that forced the cancellation of offseason drills and exhibition games.

Fitzpatrick, 37, described himself during training camp as a placeholder. He is being benched even though he ranks fifth in the NFL in completion percentage, and the Dolphins are on pace for their highest-scoring season since 1986 at 26.7 points per game.

— AP

Post Weather Report

Wednesday



Today: Fog this morning; otherwise, some sun. High 68 to 74.

Tonight: Rather cloudy, mild; fog late. Low 60 to 66.

Friday

Mostly cloudy. High 62 to 68.

Evening
Partly cloudy. Low 56 to 62.

Thursday



Tomorrow: Partly sunny and warm. High 69 to 75.

Tomorrow night: Increasing cloudiness. Low 57 to 63.

Saturday

Partly sunny. High 68 to 74.

Evening
Partly cloudy. Low 47 to 53.

Almanac

YESTERDAY’S CONDITIONS AT CENTRAL PARK THROUGH 6PM

Temperature

High: 70, Low: 57, Mean: 64

Departure from Normal

Yesterday: +8 degrees

Precipitation

Yesterday: trace, Month: 2.73", Year: 34.43", Normal year to date: 40.51"

Heating Degree days yesterday.....1

Total for the month (normal)105 (143)

Total since July 1 (normal)141 (185)

Last season to date126

Wind Chill (at noon yest.) 65

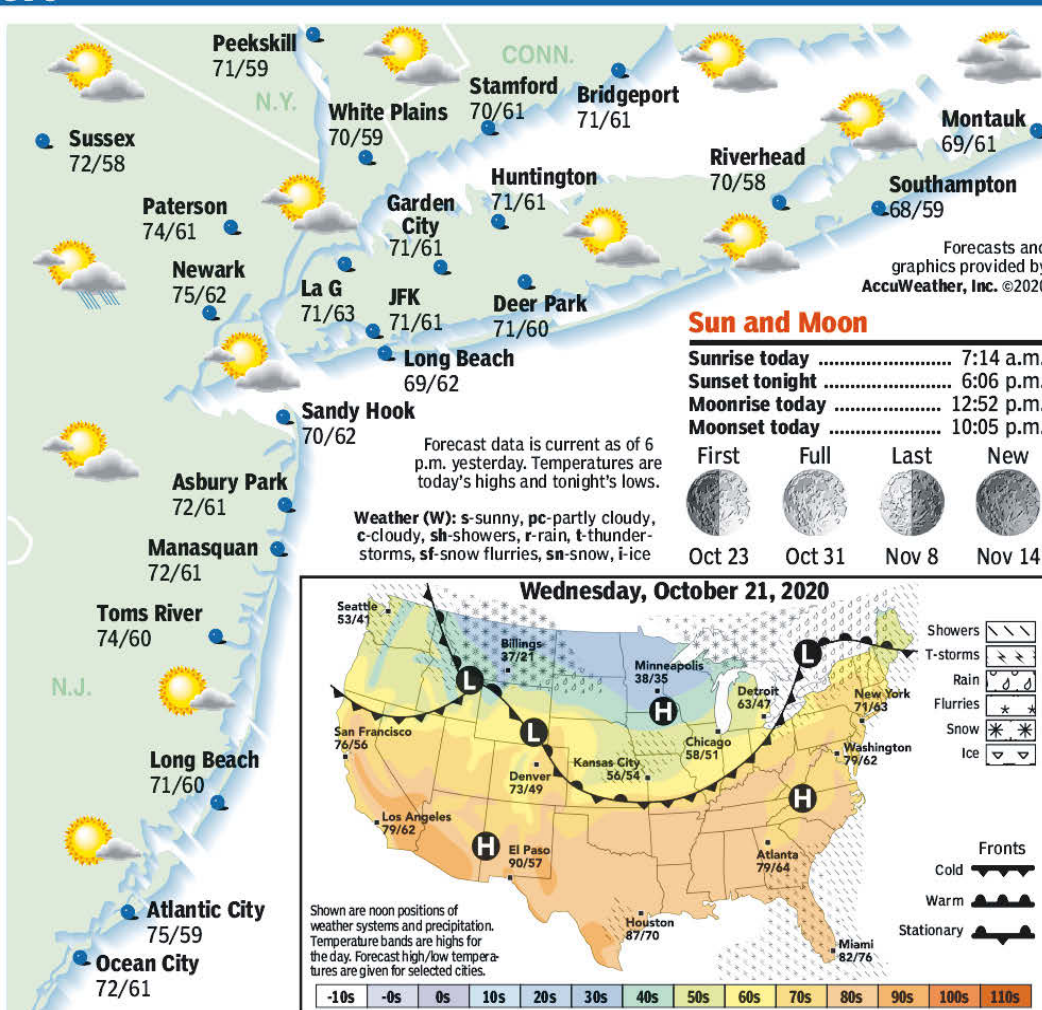
UV index (for Wed.) 2 (Low)

Humidity (at noon) 90%

AIR QUALITY

Pollen: Low. Predominant pollen: Juniper, Aster

AQI rating: (for Wed.).....Good



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New York Tides

	TODAY		TOMORROW	
High Tide for Coney Island	1st 12:09p	2nd ---	1st 12:43a	2nd 1:08p
Fire Island	12:17p	---	12:43a	1:15p
Hempstead	3:17a	3:34p	4:21a	4:40p
Huntington	3:15a	3:34p	4:13a	4:34p
Jones Inlet	11:53a	---	12:27a	12:52p
Montauk Point	12:45a	1:15p	1:44a	2:17p
Port Washington	3:20a	3:35p	4:28a	4:47p
Sandy Hook	12:13p	---	12:47a	1:12p

Regional cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Albany	71/53/c	66/50/pc
Danbury	71/57/pc	72/52/pc
Glens Falls	69/48/c	65/47/pc
Gr Barrington	71/54/pc	69/53/pc
Kingston	72/56/pc	70/55/pc
Liberty	67/53/pc	68/54/pc
Monticello	68/53/pc	69/52/pc
Newburgh	72/59/pc	72/54/pc
Poughkeepsie	73/57/pc	72/53/pc
Saratoga Springs	71/50/c	65/49/pc
Stroudsburg	70/57/pc	74/56/pc
Torrington	70/57/pc	72/55/pc
Syracuse	75/49/c	63/55/c

World cities

	TODAY	TOMORROW
Athens	71/62/pc	76/60/s
Baghdad	97/65/pc	97/66/pc
Beijing	62/36/s	61/34/s
Berlin	61/56/sh	67/53/pc
Cairo	89/70/s	88/69/s
Dublin	57/43/sh	51/42/pc
Geneva	66/49/pc	61/54/sh
Hong Kong	83/71/pc	83/71/pc
Jerusalem	77/60/s	81/62/s
Kabul	76/37/s	75/37/s
London	61/52/r	61/47/pc
Madrid	64/54/r	62/53/sh
Mexico City	76/50/pc	76/49/s
Montreal	65/44/r	56/47/c
Moscow	38/35/r	44/42/r
Paris	70/57/r	68/53/r
Rio de Janeiro	80/72/s	77/69/sh
Rome	69/51/pc	70/52/pc
Sydney	74/64/pc	74/63/pc
Tokyo	68/58/pc	67/61/c



The POST Line



NFL Week 7		
Thursday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
EAGLES	4 (43.5)	Giants
Sunday		
Bills	13.5 (45.5)	JETS
Browns	3 (50.5)	BENGALS
WASHINGTON	1 (45.5)	Cowboys
FALCONS	2.5 (56.5)	Lions
SAINTS	7.5 (51.5)	Panthers
Packers	3.5 (56.5)	TEXANS
Steelers	2.5 (51.5)	TITANS
Seahawks	3.5 (55.5)	CARDINALS
PATRIOTS	2.5 (45.5)	49ers
Chiefs	10 (48.5)	BRONCOS
CHARGERS	7.5 (49.5)	Jaguars
Buccaneers	3 (53.5)	RAIDERS
Monday		
RAMS	5.5 (46.5)	Bears

World Series		
Wednesday- Game 2		
Favorite	Moneyline	Underdog
DODGERS	\$135-145	Rays
Designated home team in MLB in CAPS		

College Football		
Thursday		
Favorite	PTS (O/U)	Underdog
APP. ST.	12.5 (66.5)	Arkamas State
Friday		
FLA. INT.	10.5 (59.5)	Jacksonv. State
Tulsa	10.5 (50.5)	SOUTH FLORIDA
UAB	1.5 (49.5)	UL Laf.
WISC.	19.5 (51.5)	Illinois
Saturday		
NORTH CAROLINA	16.5 (61)	N.c. State
COASTAL CAROLINA	6.5 (51.5)	Georgia Southern
OHIO STATE	26 (66.5)	Nebraska
Oklahoma	6.5 (59.5)	TCU
Auburn	3 (71)	OLE MISS
MEMPHIS	13.5 (71.5)	Temple
KANSAS STATE	20 (48.5)	Kansas
CHARLOTTE	14.5 (51.5)	Utep
ARMY	31.5 (51.5)	Mercer
LOUISVILLE	5 (60.5)	Florida State
CLEMSON	46 (62.5)	Syracuse
LIBERTY	10 (63.5)	Southern Mississippi
CENTRAL FLORIDA	19 (71)	Tulane
MARSHALL	17 (51.5)	Fla. Atl.
Notre Dame	10.5 (44.5)	PITT.
Virginia Tech	10 (69.5)	WAKE FOREST
Houston	14 (56.5)	NAVY

Penn State	6.5 (58.5)	INDIANA
Iowa	3 (54.5)	PURDUE
TEXAS	8.5 (61.5)	Baylor
OKLAHOMA STATE	3.5 (52)	Iowa State
RICE	3.5 (50.5)	Middle Tenn. St.
Alabama	21.5 (64.5)	TENN.
BOSTON COLLEGE	2.5 (55.5)	Georgia Tech
TROY	2.5 (68.5)	Georgia State
Kentucky	4.5 (47.5)	MISSOURI
West Virginia	3.5 (55.5)	TEXAS TECH
LSU	7 (57.5)	South Carolina
SOUTH ALABAMA	14.5 (56)	UI Monroe
BOISE STATE	16 (53.5)	Utah State
Wyoming	3.5 (50.5)	NEVADA
NORTH-WESTERN	10.5 (53.5)	Maryland
FRESNO STATE	4.5 (67.5)	Hawaii
Michigan	3.5 (54)	MINN.
MIAMI (FLA.)	11 (58.5)	Virginia
Louisiana Tech	2.5 (53)	UTSA
COL. ST.	16.5 (61.5)	N. Mexico
SMU	2.5 (57)	Cincinnati
BYU	28.5 (58.5)	Texas State
SAN DIEGO ST.	15 (48.5)	Unlv
Air Force	6.5 (59.5)	SAN JOSE STATE

ODDS & ENDS

GOLF	
Favorites to win 2020 Championship Thursday-Sunday, Thousand Oaks, Calif.	
PLAYER	ODDS
Jon Rahm	9/1
Xander Schauffele	11/1
Justin Thomas	12/1
Rory McIlroy	14/1
Webb Simpson	16/1
Collin Morikawa	18/1
Tyrrell Hatton	18/1
Patrick Reed	22/1
Hideki Matsuyama	25/1
Patrick Cantlay	28/1
Tony Finau	28/1
Viktor Hovland	30/1
Tiger Woods	33/1
Daniel Berger	33/1
Harris English	33/1
Bubba Watson	33/1
Matthew Fitzpatrick	33/1
Matthew Wolff	33/1
Adam Scott	40/1
Russell Henley	40/1
Scottie Scheffler	40/1
T. Fleetwood	40/1
Abraham Ancer	45/1
Jason Kokrak	45/1
Jason Day	50/1
Rickie Fowler	50/1
Sung Jae Im	50/1
Billy Horschel	66/1
Paul Casey	66/1
Brian Harman	70/1
Brendon Todd	80/1
Cameron Smith	80/1
Justin Rose	80/1
Phil Mickelson	80/1

Favorites to win Italian Open Thursday-Sunday, Brescia, Italy	
PLAYER	ODDS
Matt Wallace	10/1
Martin Kaymer	12/1
Victor Perez	12/1
Bernd Weisberger	16/1
Lee Westwood	18/1
Adri Arnaus	22/1
Matthias Schwab	22/1
Jordan Smith	25/1
Renato Paratore	25/1
Wilco Nienaber	25/1

Favorites to win LPGA Drive On Champ. Thursday-Sunday, Greensboro, Ga.	
PLAYER	ODDS
Danielle Kang	8/1
Minjee Lee	11/1
Lexi Thompson	14/1
Carlota Ciganda	16/1
Lydia Ko	16/1
Mariya Jutanugarn	20/1
Caroline Masson	25/1
Ally McDonald	28/1
Jennifer Song	28/1
Mel Reid	28/1
Jennifer Kupcho	30/1

VSIN TOP PLAY

Dodgers lumber will do well vs. Snell in Game 2

By GREG PETERSON

Game 2 of the World Series on Wednesday will feature 2018 Cy Young Award winner Blake Snell trying to shut down the majors' top offense in 2020.

Snell has seen a rise in his walks this postseason, going 19 2/3 innings in his four starts for the Rays, with 10 walks in total and at least two in every start to go with a 3.20 postseason ERA.

That could prove to be costly against a Dodgers lineup that led the National League in walks per game to go along with the most runs and home runs in MLB. The team also has been consistent, as the Dodgers entered the World Series having scored at least three runs in 22 of their past 24 games.

Snell also has been taken deep four times this postseason,

and between the regular season and postseason, he has allowed an average of 1.8 home runs per nine innings.

The Dodgers' bullpen entered Game 1 having given up four runs in its past 18 innings and will be facing the only lineup in the majors that averaged more than 10 strikeouts per game during the regular season.

With the Rays' bullpen being used for a total of 29 2/3

innings in the ALCS against the Astros with a 3.64 ERA, and with Snell not having gone a full six innings this season, it should lead to the Dodgers generating enough offense to take Game 2.

THE PLAY: Dodgers to win Game 2, +135.

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Pitching Form

World Series	Game 2	Game time	2020			'20 vs OPP			CAREER			LAST 3 STARTS		
			W-L	ERA	*REC	W-L	ERA	vs OPP	W-L	IP	ERA	W-L	IP	ERA
Rays	Snell (L)		4-2	3.24	7-4	—	—	0-0	1-1	16.1	2.20			
Dodgers	Gonsolin (R)	8:08pm	2-2	2.31	5-3	—	—	0-0	1-2	15.1	7.15			

* REC: Won-lost record of pitcher's team in games he has started.

STITCHES

Ooh, Ooh That Snell

Presidential hopeful Joe Biden plans on raising tax rates to 62% for New Yorkers who make more than \$400,000 if elected. A penny for your thoughts 50 Cent? "What the F--k! Vote for Trump. F--k New York. The Knicks never win anyway."

Who will it be Dave Roberts? Interested to see which pitcher the Dodgers manager will start in Game 2 Wednesday. Clayton Kershaw, looking to rebound from a troubling outing, started Game 1. Walker Buehler is penciled in for Game 3. And Julio Urias, who has pitched brilliantly this postseason, just finished off the Bravos on Sunday night. The Rays named Blake Snell their Game 2 starter days ago.

Snell is 2-2, 3.20 ERA this postseason. Subpar numbers for Blake but more importantly he's thrown only 19 2/3 innings over four starts and has yet to work into the sixth inning. Our series wager is on LA, but believe Tampa Bay will steal a game or two. This may be one of them. Play 40 units on the Rays.

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Vintage Clayton Kershaw on Tuesday night in the series opener. LA's ace allowed one run, two hits, striking out eight over six strong in the Dodgers' 8-3 win. Mookie Betts and Cody Bellinger hit homers. Rays' Tyler Glasnow was torched for 6 runs over 4 2/3 innings. Victory takes us to -883 hideonmos. stitches@nypost.com



Home Team Lineups HOME AWAY							
	TODAY Oct. 21	THU Oct. 22	FRI Oct. 23	SAT Oct. 24	SUN Oct. 25	MON Oct. 26	TUE Oct. 27
	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Chic. 7:30 MSG	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME
	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME	Mont. 7:30 YES	NO GAME	NO GAME	NO GAME
Thursday				Sunday			
	Philadelphia 8:20 TV - FOX, NFLN Radio- WFAN 660 AM/ 101.9 FM			Buffalo 1:00 TV - CBS Radio- ESPN 98.7 FM			

Today's Sports on the Air			
MLB	8 p.m.	World Series: Rays vs. Dodgers, Game 2	FOX, ESPN (98.7 FM)
Golf	6:30 a.m. (Thurs.)	Euro Tour: Italian Open, 1st Round	GOLF
Tennis	6 a.m. (Thurs.)	ATP Ostrava, WTA Antwerp, ATP Cologne bett1HULKS, Early Rds.	TENNIS
Soccer	12:55 p.m.	UEFA Champions League: Shakhtar Donetsk at Real Madrid	UniMas
	3 p.m.	UEFA Champions League: Atletico Madrid at Bayern Munich	UniMas
	8 p.m.	CONCACAF League: Antigua GFC at CA Independiente	FS2
	10 p.m.	Liga MX: Monterrey at Tijuana	FS1
Baseball	5:25 a.m. (Thurs.)	KBO: Kia Tigers vs. Hanwha Eagles	ESPN2
College Volleyball	7 p.m.	NCAA Women: Mississippi State at LSU	ESPNU
	8 p.m.	NCAA Women: Florida at Auburn	SECN

SPORTS SHORTS

NFL: Ankle sidelines McCaffrey

Panthers standout running back **Christian McCaffrey** (ankle) is expected to miss Sunday's game against the Saints, NFL Network reported Tuesday.

The network said McCaffrey (ankle) could return for the Week 8 game against the Falcons on Oct. 29.

● The Bears announced they have signed linebacker **Manti Te'o** to their practice squad.

The Notre Dame product was a second-round selection by the Chargers in the 2013 NFL Draft, and spent four seasons before moving on to Saints from 2017 to 2019.

● The Saints will start having fans in the stands for home games after Mayor **LaToya Cantrell** agreed with the team on a phased plan starting Sunday against Carolina.

The plan announced will start with 3,000 tickets for Sunday's game, increasing to 6,000 fans for November games with San Francisco and Atlanta.

● Recently reinstated defensive end **David Irving** was signed to the practice squad of the Raiders.

MLB: Campusano faces felony charge

Padres catcher **Luis Campusano** faces a felony drug charge after a weekend traffic stop in Georgia, according to multiple published reports.

Campusano, 22, allegedly had 79 milligrams of marijuana in his car when he was pulled over after 5 a.m. Saturday in Grove-town, Ga., near his hometown of Augusta. He was released on a bond of \$5,000.

● Former major league umpire **Derryl Cousins**, who worked three World Series during a career that lasted over three decades, has died. He was 74. **Craig Cousins** said his brother died at home Monday after a bout with cancer.

NBA: Pacers hire Bjorkgren

Former Raptors assistant **Nate Bjorkgren** was hired by the Pacers to become the team's new head coach.

Terms were not immediately available though several reports said the 45-year-old Bjorkgren agreed to a multiyear deal. He comes to Indiana after spending two seasons as an assistant on **Nick Nurse's** staff in Toronto.

● The Clippers confirmed that **Tyronn Lue** has finalized a deal to become the team's new head coach. Lue will be introduced at a news conference Wednesday morning.

ETC.: NYS cancels Winter Games

The 2021 Empire State Winter Games have been canceled because of safety concerns posed by the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Organizers said in a statement that the challenges and uncertainty presented by COVID-19 prevent the organization from appropriately planning, organizing, and producing events safely in more than 30 sports.

● Former Texas Tech women's basketball coach **Marlene Stollings** filed a lawsuit against the school and athletic director **Kirby Hocutt**.

The lawsuit claims breach of contract, fraud, fraudulent inducement, defamation and sex discrimination.

NFL

Favorites to win 2020 MVP award

PLAYER	ODDS
Russell Wilson	-130
Patrick Mahomes	11/2
Aaron Rodgers	6/1
Lamar Jackson	18/1
Tom Brady	20/1
Derrick Henry	20/1
Ben Roethlisberger	20/1
Kyler Murray	22/1
Josh Allen	25/1
Cam Newton	50/1
Ryan Tannehill	50/1
Jared Goff	80/1
Derek Carr	80/1
Alvin Kamara	80/1
Baker Mayfield	100/1
Teddy Bridgewater	100/1
Drew Brees	150/1
Aaron Donald	150/1
Deshawn Watson	200/1
Ezekiel Elliott	250/1
Philip Rivers	250/1
Nick Foles	250/1
Tyreek Hill	250/1
Carson Wentz	500/1
Matt Ryan	500/1
Jimmy Garoppolo	500/1
Kirk Cousins	500/1
Todd Gurley	500/1
DeAndre Hopkins	500/1
Aaron Jones	500/1
Tua Tagovailoa	500/1
DK Metcalf	500/1
Khalil Mack	500/1
Odell Beckham Jr.	500/1
Dalvin Cook	500/1

VSIN BET SMART

HE'S BACK: Tiger Woods returns to the tee on Thursday to begin defense of his ZOZO Championship, which he won in Japan in 2019 but is being played this week at Sherwood Country Club in California.

Watch Tiger, but bet on 'X'

By WES REYNOLDS

The two-week swing through Las Vegas is over and the PGA Tour heads west to the suburbs of Los Angeles to play the ZOZO Championship, which is ordinarily held in Japan but has been moved stateside due to COVID-19.

Dustin Johnson holds the course record (61) at this week's venue, Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks, Calif., where both he and father-in-law Wayne Gretzky are members. But DJ is a late scratch just like last week with a positive COVID-19 test. World No. 2 Jon Rahm once again opens as the tournament favorite at 9/1 at BetMGM. Xander Schauffele, with a the tournament low score at Tour Championship plus a top 5 at the U.S. Open and a runner-up last week in his last three starts, follows at 11/1. Justin Thomas (12/1) and Rory McIlroy (14/1) both hope to rebound from poor final rounds last weekend at Shadow Creek.

The event's defending champion, Tiger Woods, is listed at 33/1 and returns to action for the first time since the U.S. Open. This is a course where he has won five times and came in second five others when he hosted the World Challenge at Sherwood from 2000-13.

Here are some players who are worth a wager this weekend:

Xander Schauffele (11/1): The X-Man has three straight top 5s, including a runner-up last week at the CJ Cup. Schauffele has made 92.6 percent of his putts between 4 and 8 feet over his last three starts including at the U.S. Open, and has been on the first page of the leaderboard after each of his last 12 rounds. Schauffele rated third in last week's field for Strokes Gained: Putting and fourth for Strokes Gained: Tee-To-Green. If he would have just hit a couple

more fairways last week, he would have won the CJ Cup.

Webb Simpson (16/1): Has six top 20s and three top 10s in his last seven starts. He is also one of the few players in the field with tournament experience on this course having played the World Challenge several times.

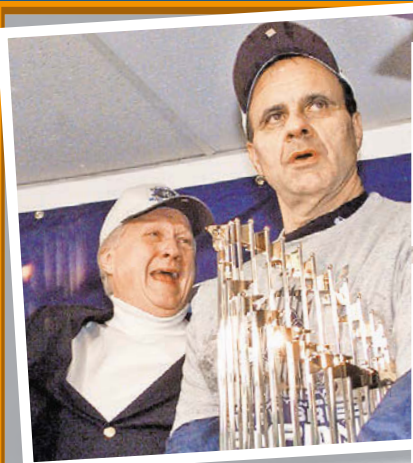
Matthew Fitzpatrick (33/1): Finished 12th last week after finishing seventh in England at the BMW PGA Championship. The putter, his best club in the bag, didn't really fire last week but he was seventh for Strokes Gained: Approach and this is the type of course where power off the tee is a bit negated, which falls right into his wheelhouse.

Daniel Berger (33/1): Has certainly cooled off from his torrid early summer form. Nevertheless, this could be a good spot for him. He is not in November's Masters field since he won at Colonial after the field was cut off, so he can just focus on winning tournaments. He finished T-3 at the RBC Heritage and almost made it back-to-back weeks with victories.

Joaquin Niemann (33/1): Finished sixth last week at the CJ Cup for his second top 6 or better finish in his last five events. The youngster from Chile was eighth in last week's field for Strokes Gained: Approach and sixth for Strokes Gained: Tee-To-Green. Niemann also finished top 5 earlier this summer at the RBC Heritage, which has shown to be a solid indicator for this course.

Kevin Na (100/1): Made both cuts but disappointed in the two home-game appearances in Las Vegas, so this may be a good time to buy on the drift. Sherwood should be more his speed. He has a runner-up at Muirfield Village as well as a ninth earlier this summer.

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BEASTS OF BURDEN

For juggernaut Yankees, title was more relief than rapture

MAYBE you remember Timo Perez jogging between first and second or Roger Clemens heaving a shattered bat in the vicinity of Mike Piazza.

Perhaps you recall Derek Jeter going deep on the first pitch of Game 4 or Luis Sojo's grounder slowly, slowly, slowly rolling through the infield to decide a clinching Game 5.

The Subway World Series offered plenty of forever images. Even 20 years later, I can see the ball off Piazza's bat and think Game 5 was tied and being shocked how short of the wall it died in Bernie Williams' glove to end the first New York-New York Fall Classic in 44 years.

But two decades later, you know what sticks with me most?

How miserable the Yankees were that fall. Winning so much had actually become a burden and the worst possible opponent was in front of them — the other New York team. Nothing would besmirch a historic run like losing to an overachieving squad managed by Bobby Valentine. The underdog Mets seemed sent by central casting with their Agbayanis and Paytons and their chatty, biting manager to be a pain in their dynasty.

So the Yankees' mood throughout was hardly joyous. At the series' conclusion, there was more exhale than exhilaration. Jeter was notorious for never agreeing to any media narrative — he was more likely to say up was down just to not buy in. Yet, after the Yanks had won their third straight championship and fourth in five years, even Jeter conceded, "I'd be lying if I said this one wasn't more gratifying."

That was because the Mets wanted to win the 2000 World Series. The Yankees had to win it — or risk besmirching their dynasty and ceding a piece of New York and having to deal with a force of nature named George Steinbrenner.

To understand the Yankees' mood by 2000, you have to appreciate the previous few years. The 1996 title season was a blessing, a bit of a surprise. The Orioles were favored to win the AL East, the Braves the World Series, Joe Torre was hired as a historic loser. The twists and feel-good turns of that season left the Steinbrenner Yankees, of all things, kind of admired and a touch beloved even outside New York.

The large veer occurred in 1998 when the Yankees were historic, winning 114 games and rampaging to another title. They were lifted from a baseball team to a touring rock show. They became, in many ways, bigger than the game. The amount of media covering them daily didn't double, it tripled — or more. Ever paranoid and protective, Steinbrenner encased his team in a security never before seen in the game. During the Subway Series, for example, the Yanks had five team-assigned security personnel. The Mets had none. And the Yan-

kees' security tended to be overbearing, making up rules as it went along for who could be near the team and when, overstepping their boundaries as if stadiums on the road even were their jurisdiction.

The Yanks, if anything, won the 1999 title even easier and were cruising in 2000 before finishing with 15 losses in 18 games, including the last seven. The winning and expectations and history had become a tightening noose. The Yanks turned it on in October because that group had a DNA for playing well in big games. But they did it as joylessly as one can while relaying from one champagne party to the next.

The last thing they wanted in the World Series was to face the Mets. In part that was because of the New York thing. But also it was because on July 8 Clemens

had beamed Piazza. That loomed over this series. The Mets called the Yanks chicken for starting Clemens in Game 2 so that he would not have to hit in Shea Stadium in Game 3. The normally unflappable

Torre raged publicly about how often Fox and ESPN were showing the July 8 beaming, and the Yanks curtailed assistance to the two networks.

Steinbrenner raged daily about how many reporters were in the clubhouse after each game, especially following a Game 3 loss to the Mets. Such was his fury that when a sewage pipe burst late in Game 4 and sent 2 feet of water into the Yankees' clubhouse, assuring that no media would be allowed in afterward, the most common conspiracy theory was that Steinbrenner had burst the pipe.

In the end, the Yankees were just better. Jeter was the MVP. Mike Stanton was the hidden MVP, retiring all 13 batters he faced over three games and winning twice. The Mets had Armando Benitez and the Yankees had Mariano Rivera, of whom Valentine said, "They have a lot of great players, but as far as value, he is in another category."

Still, the Yankees' four wins were by a total of five runs. So if Perez had run hard or Benitez hadn't walked Paul O'Neill in the ninth inning of Game 1 or if Sojo's ball hadn't trickled through ...

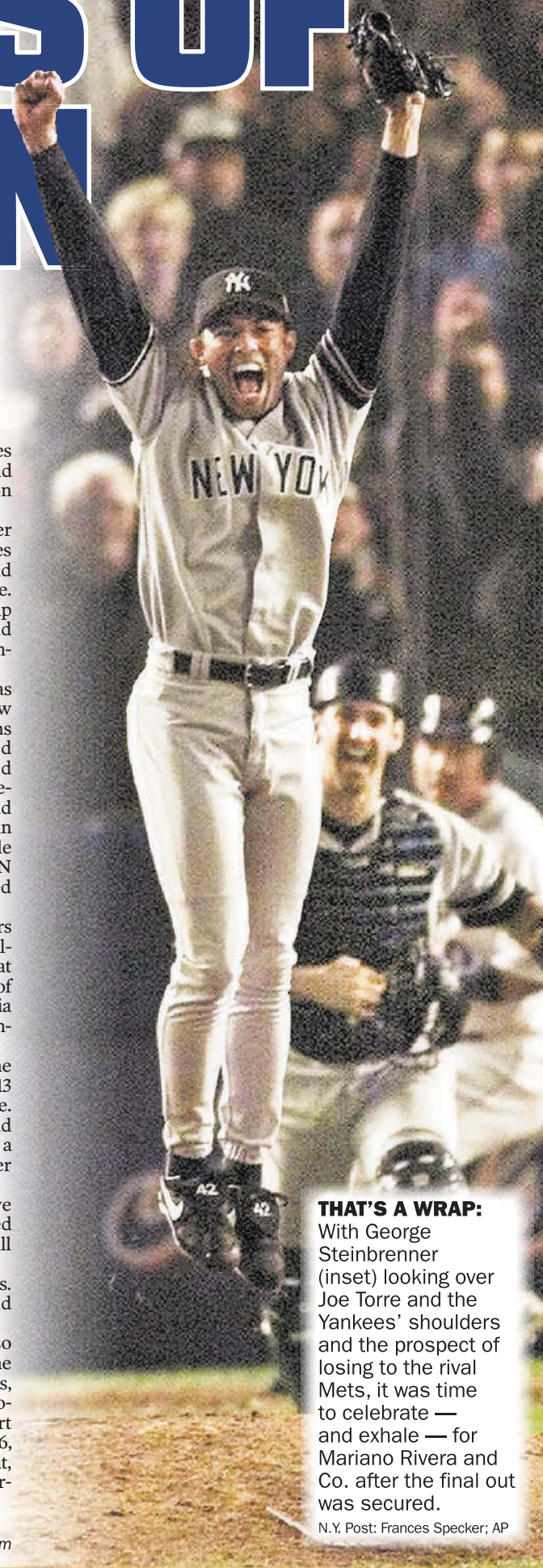
It was a close series for one that lasted just five games. The Mets actually ended the Yankees' 14-game World Series win streak in Game 3.

Afterward there was more champagne. Yet, there also were indicators that the crown had grown heavy. The Yanks as an organization had become not just overdogs, but overprivileged. They won almost by muscle memory. But the results of winning were now part delight, part burden. I had been in the winning clubhouse in 1996, 1998 and 1999. This was different. There was elation, but, like a subway, there was something else rattling underneath:

Relief.



Joel Sherman



THAT'S A WRAP:

With George Steinbrenner (inset) looking over Joe Torre and the Yankees' shoulders and the prospect of losing to the rival Mets, it was time to celebrate — and exhale — for Mariano Rivera and Co. after the final out was secured.

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WFAN's Craig list narrows

By ANDREW MARCHAND

Craig Carton is expected to sign a contract that will bring him back to WFAN in afternoon drive time, The Post has learned.

Evan Roberts is the leading candidate to be Carton's partner, according to sources. He is the only internal candidate WFAN is considering. Carton and WFAN hope he will begin his new program next month, according to sources.

The Carton move will result in the retirement of Joe Benigno as a full-time host. Benigno has talked about retiring for years, so it is not being forced upon him.

Carton, 51, has not been on WFAN in more than three years after he was arrested and convicted of a fraud scheme in which he misallocated loans to repay gambling debts. He spent a year in prison and owes his debtors nearly \$5 million.

WFAN is still searching for Carton's partner for his afternoon ratings battle with the current sports radio leader, ESPN New York's "The Michael Kay Show."

Roberts is currently Benigno's partner in the afternoons. The two



EVAN ROBERTS
In lead to team with Carton.

replaced Mike Francesa.

WFAN's first option was to search for a former athlete to recreate the dynamic Carton had with Boomer Esiason. Executives looked into former Jet Willie Colon. Besides a relaxed demeanor and his playing experience, Colon is a big Yankees fan. WFAN executives always emphasize baseball on their shows. Colon, though, is in



CRAIG CARTON
Back on air soon after 3 years.

the midst of a multiyear deal with Barstool Sports, making him unavailable.

WFAN discussed Carton's good friend, former New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, but that is not going to happen for a variety of reasons, including that it would be too political a choice. It is unclear if Christie would be interested, though he did guest host on

WFAN in the past.

WFAN wants to diversify its mostly white male roster, according to sources, and has plans to address the situation over time. Kazeem Famuyide is on its radar for future shows as someone with potential. Famuyide, 33, has done work for many outlets, including SNY, Slam and The Post.

As for Carton, one source said Tuesday he would sign his contract in the "next 24 hours," which will begin the next moves.

The 67-year-old Benigno, who has had a long, successful career that has evolved from frequent caller to afternoon drive, has spoken repeatedly about retiring. While he wouldn't be on daily, he could still do spot shows.

Roberts, 37, will continue as part of the daily lineup, even if he does not join Carton in afternoons. If WFAN decides on a different route in drive-time, Roberts will return to middays, according to sources. He very well could replace Marc Malusis and partner with Maggie Gray, whose future is not set. WFAN, according to sources, wants her to return, but no deal has been agreed upon. Gray's contract is up at the end of the year.

In the mornings, no consideration has been given to putting Carton back with Esiason. Gregg Gianotti and Esiason have continued to be atop the ratings and just extended their CBS Sports Network TV deal.

In the afternoons, Carton and WFAN know they will have to manage Carton's admitted gambling addiction against the constant advertisements for betting sites. But whomever WFAN chooses as his partner, the program will revolve around Carton. After a year in prison and three years off the air, Carton is back.

This has all been anticipated since Chris Oliviero returned to oversee WFAN in May. Sources said Oliviero, before taking the job, asked Entercom executives whether he could bring back Carton, if it made sense.

Carton and Oliviero have a long history together, dating back to Oliviero serving as Carton's producer two decades ago. Oliviero and WFAN vice president Mark Chernoff teamed Carton with Esiason to replace Don Imus.

Now they have signed off on Carton's comeback.

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Daily Horoscope

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♎ LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

You may be feeling on top of the world but not everyone is so fortunate and one individual in particular clearly needs a helping hand. Give it to them and don't worry about the cost, either in time or money. The universe will cover what you have to pay.

♏ **SCORPIO**
(Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

Anyone who tries to meddle in your personal affairs over the next few days is going to regret it. With Pluto, your ruler, so strong, and with the Sun about to move into your sign, you won't hesitate to come down hard on people who annoy you.

♐ **SAGITTARIUS**
(Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)

There will be times today when others find it hard to work out if you are being serious or playful, and you may not even know yourself. But why can't you be both at the same time? Life may not be a joke but it can

sometimes be funny.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

You need to stop being so serious about certain issues and get a bit more laughter into your life. As the Sun is about to move into the friendship area of your chart there will be plenty of opportunities to enjoy yourself - but you need to embrace them.

♒ **AQUARIUS**
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)

In the greater scheme of things your everyday problems don't count for much and the sooner you get your head round that fact the sooner the universe will allow you to move on to more important things. Save yourself for what truly matters.

♓ **PISCES**
(Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

You need to find a compromise solution with someone you

recently fell out with and as the Sun is about to move in your favor that won't be too hard. You will, of course, have to make concessions, but they won't be huge and they will be worth it.

♈ **ARIES**
(March 21-April 20)

You must stay alert today because events that come at you out of the blue could leave you seeing red. The good news is that one of those events, though annoying to begin with, could bring with it a golden opportunity, so stay sharp and profit from it.

♉ **TAURUS**
(April 21-May 21)

Dealing with family issues is taking up too much of your time and you need to find ways to offload some of your responsibilities in that area on to other people. You cannot solve everyone's problems for them -

and you've got plenty of your own to deal with.

♊ **GEMINI**
(May 22-June 21)

If you have to get tough with someone who is not pulling their weight then do so, but don't go over the top about it. A quiet word will encourage them to get their act together - though maybe you should also spell out the consequences if they do not.

♋ **CANCER**
(June 22-July 23)

What's right for you may not be right for other people and the sooner you recognize that fact the sooner you can move beyond the kind of petty disputes you have been experiencing lately. You can live without that kind of backwards behavior.

♌ **LEO**
(July 24-Aug. 23)

Where you are coming from should have no bearing on where you are going to. Anyone who thinks you will be limited by your past history will be amazed by what you accomplish against the odds over the next few days. You'll be amazed too.

♍ **VIRGO**
(Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Venus in your sign links nicely with Pluto, planet of passion, over the next 24 hours, so if there is someone you have deep feelings for now is the time to let them know. Even if they know already it won't do any harm to remind them.

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY
The word that must guide you over the coming year is 'Trust'. More than anything else you need to get past the idea that individual people or the world in general are against you, because they're not. That kind of negative thinking can only hold you back.

BIG APPLE WATCHED

THE IDEA had always been intertwined with fantasy, tinged by nostalgia. Nothing has ever made New Yorkers of a certain generation more wistful than the term “Subway Series.” It conjures images of stickball and porch ball and endless debate: Willie, Mickey, or the Duke?

It could immediately press a rewind button, render the world black and white in which everyone liked Ike, conjure images of Elvis from the waist up on “Ed Sullivan.” The subways would forever cost only a nickel, the newspapers a couple of pennies, bleacher seats at Yankee Stadium, Ebbets Field and the Polo Grounds two bits.

It led to some flights of fancy. On March 22, 1962, at St. Petersburg’s Al Lang Stadium, which had once been the spring home of the Yankees and now housed the expansion Mets, Richie Ashburn’s single in the bottom of the ninth gave the Mets a 4-3 win over the Yankees in the first exhibition game between the teams.

The Mets showered Casey Stengel with champagne, provided by the team’s giddy owner, Joan Payson. When Stengel arrived in the press room he was greeted by veteran, grizzled newsmen who broke into applause, and Stengel winked and said, “We won’t beat them every time, you know.” Then the whole Mets team went out to dinner, on Payson’s dime.

For years, this was how it seemed this “rivalry” would be contested: in meaningless games, under harmless circumstances, nothing much on the table except for nebulous “bragging rights.” From 1963 until 1984, the teams competed for the Mayor’s Trophy, but all that did was underscore how much of a non-rivalry this really was.

For the teams, across most of the first 35 or so years they shared the city, seemed destined to forever exist at opposite baseball extremes: one up, the other down. One ascendant, the other flatlining. The games drew well, but mostly they afforded the struggling team a chance to swipe one sliver of glory out of endless, empty summers.

In the first exhibition, June 20, 1963, Stengel managed like Game 7 of the World Series and his Metsies — coming off a 120-loss season, in the midst of piling on 111 more — beat the two-time defending champion Yanks, 6-2, in front of 52,430 in The Bronx. Afterward, Mets fans stormed the field.

20 years later, Subway Series that gripped an entire city stands alone in baseball lore



“YIPEEEEE!” declared The Post’s back page.

Seven years later, it was the Mets who ruled baseball and the Yankees who were begging for attention, and while the 1970 Yankees won 93 games that counted, the one they celebrated most was one that didn’t: a 9-4 drubbing of the champion Mets on Aug. 17 at Yankee Stadium that inspired the Yanks’ Fritz Peterson to crow: “Who’s amazin’ now?!”

Even when the teams started to meet for real, with interleague play introduced in 1997, there was always a final layer of urgency missing from the proceedings. The Mets won the first regular-season meeting, 6-0, behind a shutout from Dave Mlicki. The Yankees won the bulk of the games that followed the next few years, 11 of the first 18 played through the 2000 regular season.

In 1999, the teams had hinted at a potential match-up, but the Mets wound up digging an 0-3 NLCS hole for themselves against the Braves and though that series ended in Game 6 heart-break, no real momentum was allowed to build because of the hopeless deficit.

A year later was different.

A year later, the Mets and Yankees won their division series in memorable fashion over a pair of Bay Area counterparts — the Mets beating the Giants when Bobby Jones threw a one-hitter to close out Game 4, the Yankees drubbing the A’s with six first-inning runs to make an extreme point in Game 5.

Then, the Mets overwhelmed the Cardinals in five games in the NLCS, the final out coming when Timo Perez danced an anticipatory jitterbug before catching the final out of Game 5. Later that night, in a quiet moment in his office, Mets manager Bobby Valentine would admit, “I’m not sure I should want the Yankees to win, because they’re some team. But, my gosh, wouldn’t a Subway Series be something?”

Twenty-four hours later, the Yankees closed out the Mariners in Game 6 of the ALCS. Trailing 4-3 in the seventh, David Justice crushed a three-run homer off Arthur Rhodes into the Stadium’s upper deck. On the radio, broadcaster Michael Kay’s voice elevated an octave or three, echoing millions of New York baseball fans as he cried, “GET YOUR TOKENS READY! YOU MIGHT BE BOARDING THE SUBWAY!”

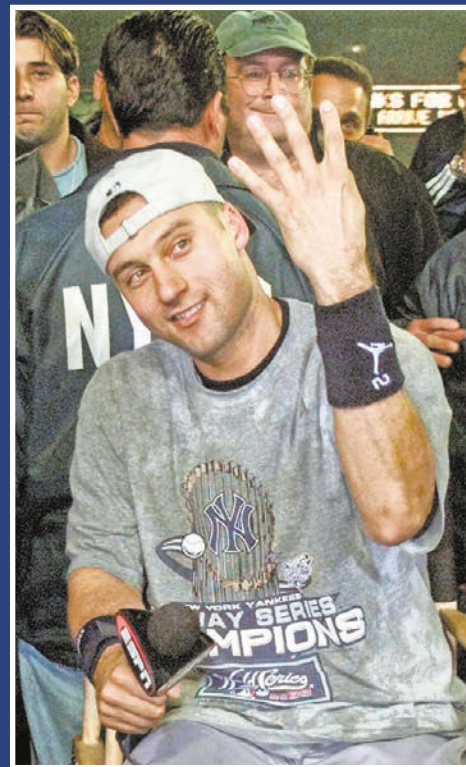
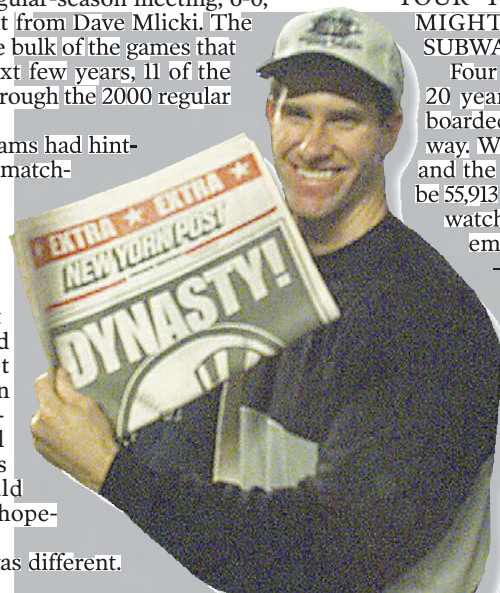
Four days later — Oct. 21, 2000, 20 years ago Wednesday — we boarded. We would stuff the subway. We would cram the Deegan and the GW Bridge. There would be 55,913 of us at Yankee Stadium to watch Don Larsen throw a ceremonial pitch to Yogi Berra — 44 years and 13 days after Larsen’s perfect game had highlighted the most recent Subway Series — and to see Andy Pettitte throw a 93 mph fastball to Perez, low, for Ball 1.

The wait was over. The dream was real. And it was just as spectacular as we’d ever hoped it would be.

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Editor’s note

The 2000 World Series between the Yankees and Mets began 20 years ago Wednesday. On the anniversary, we look back at the series that captivated the city.





Clemens-Piazza feud the stuff of legend

YOU KNOW how animated movies try to draw in both kids and adults, creating dazzling visuals for the former group and witty dialogue for the latter?

The New York sports equivalent of that launched 20 years ago Thursday with the opening of the 2000 World Series at Yankee Stadium: Yankees versus Mets, winners take all.

Because even if the romance of the Big Apple's first intracity battle in 44 years to determine baseball's champion didn't captivate you, even if you shed no tears over the Dodgers' and Giants' western migrations

two generations prior and rolled your eyes at talk of through lines from Whitey Ford and Jackie Robinson to Andy Pettitte and Edgardo Alfonzo, who could possibly pass on the WWE-style blood feud between Roger Clemens and Mike Piazza?

That clash of the titans never felt more professional wrestling-esque than during this World Series — as evidenced by, for my money, the best call of Gary Cohen's distinguished broadcasting career:

"Is Clemens out of his mind? What was he thinking?"

"The way it all came down, with Clemens having hit Mike in July, this is the first time they've met since that, the quirk of Mike breaking his bat and Clemens catching the bat," Cohen, then with WFAN and now with SNY, said Monday in a telephone interview. "If you look at the video of it, Clemens keeps saying, 'I thought it was the ball!' The whole concept of him being so oblivious as to think that the bat was the ball, and to take what he said he thought was the ball and throwing it as he did toward Mike as he ran up the baseline ...

"The lack of understanding and the bizarre behavior inherent in his actions, what a singular moment that was. You can't possibly think of another."

This was Game 2 in The Bronx — Oct. 22, 2000 — the Yankees having won Game 1 in a 12-inning thriller. Not that it really impacted the focus of the second contest. To call Clemens-Piazza a saga within the saga of New York's rich baseball history doesn't recognize the enormity of the fury surrounding the mano-a-mano. They stood as equals: The stage of the Fall Classic elevated Clemens-Piazza, and Clemens-Piazza enhanced the magnitude of this Subway World Series.

As Cohen referenced, the buildup resulted from the history between the two superstars, Clemens already having punched his ticket to Cooperstown (or so we thought at the time) and Piazza well on his way to doing so. Consider the only four times they previously had faced off:

June 6, 1999, at Yankee Stadium: Piazza home run.

July 9, 1999, at Shea Stadium: Piazza home run.

June 9, 2000, at Yankee Stadium: Piazza home run.

July 8, 2000, at Yankee Stadium: Piazza drilled in the head.

The easy connection to make from encounters 1 through 3 to encounter 4 turned the fourth one — during the nightcap of a two-stadium doubleheader — into a dominant storyline. Therefore we all knew a fifth dose was coming when the Yankees and Mets advanced through their respective leagues into the finals.

The old Stadium absolutely roared with anticipation when Piazza stepped up to the plate with

two outs in the top of the first. And not a soul among the 56,059 paying fans, nor the participants, nor the media could have predicted the result of Clemens' 1-and-1 inside fastball if you had granted 1,000 guesses.

"I think we were all looking at each other like, 'What the hell is going on?'" recalled Mets reliever Glendon Rusch, who already was in the bullpen when Clemens' fastball shattered Piazza's bat, sending the barrel right toward Clemens, who picked it up on a short hop — and fired it in Piazza's direction as the catcher was legging out the foul ball. The jagged instrument skipped past Piazza, a couple of feet in front of him. Within seconds, Rusch and his fellow Mets relievers were running onto the field for a rare, World Series bench-clearing skirmish.

No punches were thrown and everyone stayed in the game — Piazza tapped out to second and made two more outs against Clemens — but the rest of the game was played in what felt like a state of shock. The Yankees won, 6-5 — Piazza homered off Jeff Nelson in the ninth — and all anyone wanted to talk about afterwards was Clemens' bat fling.

"There are certain things in this job you can prepare for — a record, a clinching — so you're kind of ready. If you don't script the words in advance, you're prepared for the likelihood of something happening," Cohen said. "But the singular events, the things that you can't possibly prepare for, are what brings all of us to baseball in the first place."

A Game 6 rematch didn't happen when the Yankees prevailed in five games, and the Piazza-Clemens saga featured worthwhile sequels in 2002 — when first-year Mets pitcher Shawn Estes failed to hit Clemens with a pitch at Shea, yet homered off him, as did Piazza again — and 2004, when Piazza actually caught for Clemens, then pitching for the Astros, in the All-Star Game — and Clemens gave up six runs in one inning.

The inaugural Yankees-Mets World Series still awaits its own sequel. Should it happen? There'll be huge shoes to fill. It's never easy to follow an all-time blockbuster.

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SUB KIND OF WONDERFUL: The 2000 World Series, though it went only five games, was one for the ages, highlighted by the Mike Piazza-Roger Clemens showdown. When it was all over, Paul O'Neill (far right) and Derek Jeter celebrated the Yankees' fourth title in five years and Mike Hampton and Edgardo Alfonzo wondered what might have been.

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SEAL OF APPROVAL

Cohen's \$2.4B bid to buy Amazin's backed by Ownership Committee

By JOEL SHERMAN
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Steve Cohen is one significant step closer to becoming the owner of the Mets.

The Post confirmed MLB's Ownership Committee approved Cohen to be the team's next owner, with sources saying Cohen received seven of the eight votes on the board. Sportico first reported Cohen's approval.

Next up will be the eight-owner Executive Committee, followed by the full ownership group, when Cohen will need 23 of 30 votes for his \$2.475 billion purchase of the Mets to go through. Since the Mets will vote for Cohen, he'll really need just 22 of 29.

Cohen met virtually with the Ownership Committee earlier this month and the full ownership group vote could occur as soon as the week following the conclusion of the World Series, with Game 1 Tuesday night in Arlington, Texas.

As The Post's Ken Davidoff reported Saturday, there is "cautious

optimism" that Cohen will secure the necessary votes, although not necessarily unanimity.

White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf had previously opposed Cohen's pursuit of the Dodgers and Reinsdorf is friendly with Alex Rodriguez — who attempted to buy the Mets in a group that included fiancée Jennifer Lopez and business titans Vincent Viola and Mike Repole. That group could revive its bid if the opportunity arises. Another group led by

Josh Harris, who owns the Philadelphia 76ers and New Jersey Devils, also bid for the Mets.

The chance of the deal falling

through is less likely after Tuesday's vote, as Cohen has cleared a key hurdle in buying the Mets from the Wilpons and Saul Katz. Cohen has already announced if his purchase goes through, he will hire former general manager Sandy Alderson as team president.

That would be the first move of many, with Alderson building a front office and the baseball world waiting to see how Cohen might use his billions — the hedge fund maven is worth an estimated \$14 billion — to run the team he grew up rooting for.

He already owns a percentage of the team, and should this deal go through, Cohen would then own 95 percent of the Mets, with the Wilpons and Katz keeping 5 percent.

Free-agent possibilities include catcher J.T. Realmuto and outfielder George Springer, while the organization would also look to invest heavily in analytics and technology, as The Post's Mike Puma reported last week.



BIG STEP: Steve Cohen cleared his first hurdle on Tuesday, with his bid to purchase the Mets from the Wilpons (left) gaining approval from MLB's Ownership Committee.

Bloomberg, N.Y. Post, Charles Wenzelberg

Bellinger putting best foot forward for HR celebration

By GEORGE A. KING III

Cody Bellinger's days of locking arms with a teammate to celebrate a home run are likely over.

When Bellinger homered in the fourth inning of Game 1 in the Dodgers-Rays World Series Tuesday night at Globe Life Field, he used a toe-tap with teammates. On Sunday, in Game 7 of the NLCS against the Braves, the Dodgers' center fielder suffered a dislocated right shoulder celebrating homer with Kiké Hernandez.

"I'll continue to do that," Bellinger said of the toe-tap. "Maybe my whole career, who knows. I said I am not touching anybody's arm, going straight to the foot. It was pretty funny."

Dodger manager Dave Roberts

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said he didn't plan to speak to his hitters prior to Tuesday night's 8-3 win World Series Game 1 to remind them to curb their enthusiasm during home run celebrations.

"I wish I had that talk before he did that forearm bump with Kiké but I think after seeing that I think it is pretty well noted," Roberts said prior to Game 1.

The left-handed hitting Bellinger remained in Sunday's game even though he told right fielder Mookie Betts his shoulder, which has been dislocated before, had popped out of joint.

He tested his shoulder in the seventh inning Tuesday night when he

crashed into the fence chasing Joey Wendle's double that glanced off his glove before he hit the wall as the Rays scored twice and cut the Dodgers' lead to 8-3. He made a sensational catch at the wall in the ninth.

"[Monday] he came in for treatment, was a little bit sore, felt better than he thought he would," Roberts said. "[Tuesday] he is in there. He will have it taped up and there might be a brace. Said he felt good so he is ready to go."

➤ Unless Rays center field **Kevin Kiermaier** told **Kevin Cash** his hand wouldn't allow him to play in Game 1 the Rays' manager wasn't

going to search Globe Life Field looking for him.

"He looked fine, so fine I haven't heard a word about it," Cash said of Kiermaier's workout on Monday. "So I am not going to ask him, that is for sure. We need him out there and he wants to be out there really badly just like he did in Game 7. I think with the off days and treatment he is in a good spot."

Kiermaier homered off **Clayton Kershaw** in the fifth and had an RBI single in the seventh.

Kiermaier was hit by a pitch on the left hand in Game 3 of the ALCS against the Astros, was removed from the game and wasn't in

the starting lineup for the remainder of that series.

➤ **Hunter Renfroe** was 3-for-22 (.136) against Kershaw, the Dodger's Game 1 starter but Kevin Cash started him despite the poor numbers and batted him fourth.

"We all know it didn't go the way we would like but he has picked us up with some big hits, certainly did it against Toronto. He is a guy if he can get some barrel to it he can do some damage," Cash said of Renfroe, who came to the plate in the first inning with two runners on and one out and struck out.

➤ The Rays are starting **Blake Snell** in Game 2 on Wednesday and Roberts tabbed right-hander **Tony Gonsolin** after the Game 1 victory.



CODY BELLINGER

Younger not better for Chisox

THE WORLD Series features a managerial matchup of Tampa Bay's **Kevin Cash**, 42, and Los Angeles' **Dave Roberts**, 48. Both were hired as part of the wave of younger managers with no previous experience (Roberts was a Padres interim manager for one game). Both have proven the organizational decision wise.

But are we seeing some shift away from young and analytic? **Dusty Baker**, 71, just led Houston to ALCS Game 7, his steady, positive persona a counterbalance to all the negativity swirling around the Astros in the aftermath of the sign-stealing scandal.

Now, the White Sox are considering going back to the future with **Tony La Russa**, 76, and already a Hall of Famer. He managed the White Sox from 1979-86 and then/current White Sox owner **Jerry Reinsdorf** has cited letting La Russa go as perhaps his greatest regret in the game. The White Sox, having made the playoffs for the first time since 2008, are a win-now team and, thus, a plum job.

Over the weekend, I heard another accomplished manager, three-time champ **Bruce Bochy**, also would be a White Sox consideration. But Bochy, 65, said by phone that there has been no contact with the White Sox initiated by them or him. Bochy had dealt with some health issues late in his Giants tenure and said, "I would like this COVID thing to go by and things are back to normal [before considering a return]."

But he added, "The post-season games make you miss it. If it is the right fit for both parties, I would listen and be open-minded."

La Russa is the third winningest manager ever, Bochy 11th and Baker 15th. Baker admittedly came back, in part, to try to win a World Series and 2,000 games (he is at 1,982). A friend of Bochy said Bochy doesn't like that he has a career losing record (2,003-2,029), but Bochy indicated he is content in retirement.



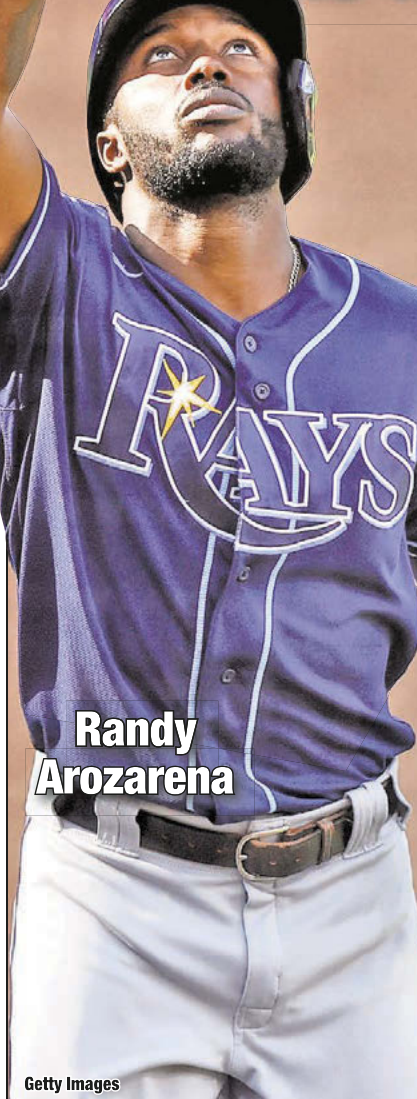
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WORLD SERIES CONFIDENTIAL

One Ray or the other Time will tell if Arozarena is truly a star



Randy
Arozarena

WHETHER Randy Arozarena is a legitimate star is a big issue moving forward for the Rays.

You know who else that is true about? The Yankees.

Tampa Bay's winning percentage has climbed in each of the past four seasons to .667 in the abbreviated 2020 campaign as they outdid the Yankees to win first the AL East and then a Division Series.

That ascension has been built mainly on run prevention and — if anything — opportunistic, diverse offense. The Rays have allowed the fourth fewest runs over the past four seasons. They are 18th in average runs per game.

Even in this magical season, they were third in ERA and 12th in runs scored. But what if Arozarena is legit? Tampa Bay already has a likely 2020 top-five MVP finisher in Brandon Lowe, albeit one who has struggled in these playoffs. And the Rays have the consensus No. 1 prospect, shortstop Wander Franco, percolating near ready, albeit after a year in which all minor league progression was negated.

Lowe already was established and so was Franco as an elite prospect. Arozarena is the wild card.

The Rays had long tried to obtain him because they saw the upside even before they ultimately landed him last winter, mainly for well-regarded pitching prospect Matt-hews Liberatore.

Arozarena, who had a Cardinals cup of coffee last year, contracted COVID-19 and did not play this season until Aug. 30. He was terrific in the last month and better in the playoffs. There are up late/postseason impact similarities to, say, Gregg Jefferies in 1988, Shane Spencer in 1998 and Timo Perez in 2000 (sorry Mets fans, Wednesday is the 20th anniversary of him not running hard initially in World Series Game 1 versus the Yankees). None of those worked out in the long run how the New York teams hoped.

Will Arozarena?

I saw similarities both facially and in their 5-foot-11 wiry, athletic builds between Arozarena and Andrew McCutchen and, unprompted, a scout who has seen the righty-swinging outfielder from the minors onward made the same comparison, writing to me: "It's the same body type — an elite athlete in a medium, strong, compact frame with rare explosiveness. All aspects of his game jumped off the page. He had a rare power/speed combo, but with the bat speed and quick-twitch of a smaller/medium build player."

"I remember some guys were concerned about the usual 'small guy trying to play a big man's game,' but he was extremely quick

twitch, did not have the big holes in his swing that would have been needed to concern me. He was just raw, ultra-aggressive and needed time and patience."

So imagine what a team brilliant at run prevention might look like with a version of McCutchen, who from age 25-28 was the NL's best player. Arozarena is 25. Lowe is 26. Franco is 19 (think a switch-hitting version of Fernando Tatis Jr., perhaps). Suddenly, the Rays are not just a cute story, but a team that can sustain winning for a while to the Yankees' — and many other teams' — chagrin. So who Arozarena is beyond this year is integral. Is his breakout performance this post-season (seven homers and a 1.288 OPS in 14 Rays games entering the World Series versus the Dodgers) indicative of his true skill?

From an advanced scout who has covered Arozarena: "The tools seem too loud not to find a way to regularly contribute. There's still questions about whether he can harness his ability and learn to play under control so I'm not anointing him as a perennial all-star yet. But the bat speed and ability to get to the best fastballs look real."

From an assistant GM: "We have always liked his hard-hit and chase rates in the minors. I don't think it is unreasonable to think he is a solid player, maybe not to the extent he is doing damage now, but still a good player. Considering he has only 1,300 minor league plate appearances, I still think he has some upside."

Yanks GM: No Instructional League due to COVID

THE YANKEES are one of three teams, joining the Braves and Cardinals, not holding a full Instructional League.

Brian Cashman described it as a "strategic decision" for the Yankees based mainly on seeing COVID-19 numbers "spiking everywhere again." The Yankees GM said it was "not a safe financial bet" to bring in so many coaches and

players, pay them, test them, house them and feed them with some not insignificant chance that the virus would force a shutdown at some point. Cashman said the organization was informed by the outbreak it endured in spring training, which among other things kept people from returning home — especially to foreign countries — for an extended period.

Instead, some coaches and trainers were taken off of furlough and the Yankees are attempting to do remote instruction as much as possible. However, Cashman said without a clearer idea of when the major and minor league seasons would start next year, throwing programs have been halted so as not to have ramp-up, shut-down possibilities.

He said there was a possibility of a Dominican Instructional League at some point.

Cashman acknowledged the lack of a minor league season in 2020 and offseason disruptions are going to be felt industry-wide, adding, "I can't even begin to measure how much of a setback that will be whenever things are back to normal."


**TAMPA BAY
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WORLD 2020 SERIES

**LOS ANGELES
DODGERS**


RISE

By GEORGE A. KING III

When three of the best players in baseball deliver in grand style for the same team, the other club usually doesn't have a chance.

That was the situation the Rays were in Tuesday night in Game 1 of the World Series at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas, where the Dodgers waltzed to an 8-3 victory in front of 11,388.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is Wednesday night, and if Mookie Betts and Cody Bellinger perform like they did in Game 1, the Rays will spend the rest of the series attempting to dig out a very deep ditch. At least Game 1 starter Clayton Kershaw won't pitch.

Kershaw began the night with a 1-2 record and a hefty 5.40 ERA in five World Series outings (four starts) and then limited the Rays to a run and two hits, walking one and fanning eight in six innings. The run was a homer by Kevin Kiermaier in the fourth that halted a string of 13 straight outs registered by the veteran lefty.

Acquired from the Red Sox to help the Dodgers win their first World Series since 1988 and signed to a 12-year deal worth \$365 million

SAFE! Mookie Betts celebrates after sliding in to score safely past the tag from Tampa Bay's Mike Zunino (inset) in the fifth inning of the Dodgers' 8-3 Game 1 World Series victory, aided by six strong innings by Clayton Kershaw (far right). AP (2); Getty Images

WORLD 2020 SERIES

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IN ARLINGTON, TEXAS

Game 1: Dodgers 8, Rays 3
Dodgers lead series, 1-0

Game 2: Wednesday
Snell (4-2, 3.24) vs. Gonsolin (2-2, 2.31)

Game 3: Friday
Buehler (1-0, 3.44) vs. TBD

Game 4: Saturday
Dodgers vs. Rays

Game 5*: Sunday
Dodgers vs. Rays

Game 6*: Tuesday, Oct. 27
Rays vs. Dodgers

Game 7*: Wed., Oct. 28
Rays vs. Dodgers

* if necessary

ARLINGTON, Texas — Toward the tail end of this unprecedented baseball season, on a night that made history merely by its location, the most familiar and accomplished guy on the field did something we've seen him do before.

If you don't want Clayton Kershaw to advance beyond this step — special dispensation to Rays fans this year and Giants fans always — then you don't appreciate a quality tale of persistence.

Kershaw, arguably his generation's best pitcher, dominated the Rays on Tuesday night to lift the Dodgers to an 8-3 victory in


Ken Davidoff

Kershaw closer to

World Series Game 1 at Globe Life Field, giving his guys the upper hand in this first neutral-site Fall Classic. A crowd of 11,388, the majority clearly Dodgers fans, witnessed the fun contest, and kindly allow me to register my personal glee at that phenomenon after sitting in enough empty ballparks this season to last several lifetimes.

"Oh, it was just a great game for the whole team, really," Kershaw humbly said afterward. "I

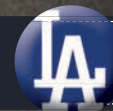
kept us in it long enough for us to break it open."

"Kershaw was on," Rays manager Kevin Cash said. "He had a pretty good breaking ball going, with deception. You can see why he's heading to the Hall of Fame one day, after he's done. He really did a nice job against us."

Nice to the tune of one run, two hits and a walk in six innings as he struck out eight, his slider turning ultra-effective after a challenging first frame in which Kershaw said he was "bouncing my slider at 48 feet." The left-hander said, "I know I'm going to pitch again in this series," though neither he nor the Dodgers




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& SHINE!



LA's stars overwhelm Tampa in Series opener

that begins next season, Betts homered, went 2-for-4, scored twice — once on a ground ball to a drawn-in infield — and swiped two bases in a four-run fifth inning. He is the first player to homer, steal two bases and score twice in a World Series game.

Bellinger, who dislocated his right shoulder in a home-run celebration on Sunday night, homered

in the fourth and made a sensational catch at the wall in the ninth.

Asked when his team is at its best if it is possible for the Dodgers to get beat, Kershaw responded with confidence if not bravado.

"If we play at our best, no. I think we are the best team. I think our clubhouse believes that. There are going to be certain times where we get beat, that happens," said Ker-

shaw, who is in a third World Series in the past four years and with a team that posted the best regular-season record in a 60-game schedule amid a pandemic. "As a collective group, if everybody is doing what they are supposed to be doing and playing the way they are supposed to, I don't see how that can happen."

Bellinger is a former NL MVP. Kershaw has put together a Hall of

Fame résumé. And Betts has made a very good team better.

"It is so fun to watch and we are so lucky to have him on our team," Bellinger said of Betts, whose lead-off walk off Tyler Glasnow in the fifth was followed by steals of second and third and a dash home on a grounder to the right side with the infield in to push the Dodger lead to 3-1. "He is a superstar guy, superstar talent but he does all the little things right and you can really learn from that. He just wants to win and continues to do small things."

In addition to an abundance of talent, Betts has accepted the responsibility that goes with a mega-contract.

"I did a good job tonight, but my main responsibility is to win a World Series," said Betts, who hit an opposite-field homer to start a two-run sixth inning that extended the Dodgers' lead to 8-1. "I think we all know why we are here, to win a World Series, and that's what we proved today."

A repeat performance of a complete victory in Game 2 will only strengthen the belief the best team in baseball is a lot better than the best the American League has to offer.

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TYLER GLASNOW

Rays pick odd time to bypass pen

By KEN DAVIDOFF

ARLINGTON, Texas — Good news for the old school: The Rays, playing their first World Series game in 12 years, let their starting pitcher work long enough to reach a triple-digit workload.

Bad news? That extended leash shortened the Rays' room for error in this Fall Classic.

If the Dodgers' 8-3 victory over the Rays on Tuesday night at Globe Life Field hardly surprised, the manner in which it went down did. In the key inning, the Dodgers' four-run fifth, the Rays — who got the baseball world chatting with their consistently quick hooks en route to their AL pennant — stuck with starting pitcher Tyler Glasnow despite a rising pitch count and deficit. Glasnow wound up throwing 112 pitches, the most of any Rays starting pitcher this post-season, and allowed six runs on three hits and six walks as he struck out eight.

"I think it was ultimately kind of a lack of strike-throwing right there," Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash said of Glasnow. "That's not ideal, especially against a team that can capitalize on free passes."

Given the way the Rays have managed this season, it wouldn't have been surprising to see them lift Glasnow after the fourth, at which point he had thrown 88 pitches. Instead, they went the other way.

"When I got up to 100 pitches, I didn't feel the fatigue as much," Glasnow said. "My timing was a little bit weird at the end, but I was physically fine."

That bodes well for Glasnow's next turn, should it arrive. Nevertheless, he showed that the best pitching moves, old-school or more progressive, are the ones that work.

erasing memories of failure

would mind if he didn't.

This marks Los Angeles' 14th playoff appearance in 31 tries since Kirk Gibson and Orel Hershiser attained baseball immortality in 1988, and the previous 13 took wrong turns somewhere. The last 10 have included Kershaw. And the brutal truth, as everyone in baseball knows and as Kershaw himself has acknowledged, is that the left-hander, a slam dunk to be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame someday, has been too much a part of the problem and not enough part of the solution.

The 32-year-old evened his career tournament record at 12-12

in 36 appearances, 29 of them starts. He sports a 4.22 ERA in 183 1/3 innings. His lifetime regular-season ERA? 2.43.

He grew up about 30 minutes from here, attending Highland Park High School in University Park, Texas, and his first World Series game in this baseball town brought to mind a similar performance against the Lone Star State's other club. In Game 1 of the 2017 World Series at Dodger Stadium, Kershaw shut down the mighty Astros, permitting one run in seven innings and striking out 11, for a 3-1 win. The next time he pitched, Game 5 at Minute Maid Park, he fared consider-

ably worse, getting rocked for six runs in 4 2/3 innings as, we learned more than two years later, the Astros illegally stole the Dodgers' signs. The Astros wound up winning the seventh game, and the first title of their 46-year existence, in Chavez Ravine.

Plenty more October heartbreak, too many instances to list here, reside on his résumé. On his legacy.

That legacy also features three National League Cy Young awards, an NL Most Valuable Player trophy, sticking with the team that drafted and developed him (yes, it helps that the Dodg-

ers easily can afford to pay him market value), starting his own foundation to help at-risk children and speaking eloquently and repeatedly about social justice this season as the issues deservedly leapt to the forefront of professional sports. He has done so much right with his platform. All he's missing is a ring.

"It's hard not to think about what that might feel like," Kershaw said of a championship. "I think that's what I have to do and what we have to do as a team: [Think about] just tomorrow. Do that three more times, and you can think about that all you want."

It would establish another precedent: Kershaw smiling, regret-free, throughout a baseball offseason.

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Gang already 21-point underdogs vs. Chiefs

By DAVE BLEZOW

Bettors no longer have to wonder how big an underdog the Jets will be in Week 8 when they meet the Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium. The answer — 21 points — could be found in the lookahead lines released Tuesday by the Westgate SuperBook of Las Vegas.

Surprised it's not higher? Westgate oddsmaker Ed Salmons told The Post the three-touchdown line was made with the expectation Sam Darnold will play in the Nov. 1 game. Darnold has missed the last two games with a sprained AC joint



SAM DARNOLD

in his right shoulder. His status for this Sunday's home game against the Bills is not yet known.

"Not that the Jets have been good with Darnold, but they're better than they've been with Joe Flacco," Salmons said. "They're still a professional football team."

Though Salmons says the line would be closer to 23.5 or 24 if Darnold were out of the picture, he does not expect the number to approach record territory. The largest NFL point spread is widely accepted to be the Steelers as 27-point favorites over the expansion, winless Buccaneers in 1976 (Pittsburgh covered in a 42-0 blowout). In 2013, the Broncos were 26.5-point favorites over the Jaguars, but failed to cover in a 35-19 victory.

Last year in Week 3, with Darnold sidelined with mononucleosis, the Jets opened as 23-point underdogs at New England. The line climbed a half point before plummeting to 20.5 at kickoff. The Jets were down 30-0 late in the third quarter but ended up covering the spread with a special teams fumble recovery and a Jamal Adams interception return off backup QB Jarrett Stidham.

Salmons said that ending is a perfect example of why 20-point spreads are rarities in the NFL.

"It doesn't take much," he said. "It's not like college football. There's no motivation for a team to win 50-0."

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IN NEED OF HELP! With the Jets in the running for the right to pick Trevor Lawrence after another awful season under Adam Gase, Dr. Coz offers his advice to Jets fans trying to deal with Gang Green's constant failure.

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HAVERSION THERAPY

Dr. Coz trying to cure all that ails

JETS FAN, you're next. Come on in.

I'm Dr. Coz. I'll be your therapist today. Take a seat. You can take that bag off of your head. This is a safe space. What's on your mind? Just remember, I charge by the hour.

JF: I can't take it anymore, Doc. This team is going to kill me. Did you watch it on Sunday? The Dolphins, the stinking Dolphins, embarrassed us. Ryan Fitzpatrick threw two interceptions and it did not even matter. The defense stinks. The offense is worse. They ruin my Sundays. They are 0-6 and might go 0-16, but they'll probably screw that up and win a game so we don't get the No. 1 pick.

DC: I see. Well, is there any way you think it could get better?



JF: They could start by firing Adam Gase. That would at least let me know the Johnson brothers are actually watching these games. Every time the camera shows him, he is scribbling on that damn play sheet. You know what I'd like to do with that red pen of his?

DC: OK, calm down. We don't condone violence here. What if you took the rest of the season off from the Jets? Maybe you could watch

the Red Zone channel or the other games?

JF: Oh yeah, that would be great. Then I could see Robby Anderson catching everything in sight for the Panthers. They told us the guy couldn't run routes here. Now, he's freaking Jerry Rice. Or better yet, I can watch the Seahawks and see Jamal Adams, the only good player this team has drafted in the last decade, star for Pete Carroll, who the Jets fired after one season. The guy has only won two national championships and a Super Bowl since then. Everywhere I look there are former Jets playing better than when they were here. Demario Davis has become Dick Butkus with the Saints. First game of the stinking season, Kelechi Osemele is pushing people

all over the field and Cris Collinsworth could not shut up about how good he looked. What did he do here? Nothing. They got rid of him after three games.

DC: I hear you. That is tough. I'm not much of a football fan, but I'm amazed to see what Tom Brady is doing at 43 years old. That is inspirational...

JF: Stop! Stop! If I have to hear about the great Brady anymore, I'm going to throw up. Even worse, now whenever he leads the Buccaneers to a win, the announcers talk about how great Todd Bowles is as the Bucs' defensive coordinator. Suddenly, he's a great coach again. He took a four-year break from being a defensive genius with the Jets, I guess.



McLendon a big loss for NY

Steve McLendon did not get to experience many good times with the Jets, but he was always upbeat. The veteran defensive lineman went 21-49 in his time with Gang Green. He never experienced a winning season and last year's 7-9 season was his most successful one. Still, McLendon was a source of positivity.

The Jets traded the defensive tackle to the Buccaneers after Sunday's loss to the Dolphins. It's a sad way for his time with the Jets to end.

McLendon, 34, never seemed to give up hope and was a mentor to many young players with the Jets. The team did right by him by shipping to Tampa Bay, where he will be reunited with Todd Bowles and get a shot at chasing a championship with Tom Brady.

Players from this era of the Jets are not likely to be remembered. They did not win enough. But McLendon's impact will be felt inside the Jets organization for years to come, as long as players like Quinnen Williams and Folorunso Fatukasi are around.

McLendon had a thousand sayings like, "The gym is always open," and "Rule No. 1: Don't be No. 2." His presence will be missed inside the Jets locker room. He'll have plenty of people rooting for him to win it all this year in Florham Park.

— Brian Costello

Judge hoping fam will turn the Linc Blue

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

Eagles fans once booed Santa Claus, but they won't ruin A Blue Christmas.

Giants coach Joe Judge grew up in the Philadelphia suburbs and comes from a line of Eagles fans. So, what is he telling those in his ear begging for tickets Thursday when the Giants visit the Eagles?

"My only rule is anybody who shows up that I either grew up with or have blood ties with, they have to wear blue," Judge said. "I respect their love for the Eagles from being in the town, but hey, look man, you ain't showing up cheering against my kids' Christmas. You better come out in some blue cheering for us."

It will be the second game the Giants play in front of fans during this COVID-19-restricted season. Lincoln Financial Field's reduced capacity under city rules is 7,500.

Ticket requests from cousins poured in during the summer and a night game doesn't get Judge's children out of school Friday. Giants safety Logan Ryan grew up around Eagles fans in Voorhees, N.J., and can relate to Judge's request list.

"Every time I play in Philly, every time I used to come back to Jersey and play at MetLife, it was a big deal for me," Ryan said. "I knew I had family coming to the game. Fortunately I won't be having any family come to this game. Honestly, eight years in, I'm

happy about that because the tickets get carried away."

➤ **Tae Crowder's** big moment ended quickly.

Two days after his 43-yard fumble return for a touchdown was the difference in the Giants' first win of the season, Crowder landed on injured reserve (hamstring). Crowder is out at least the next three games, elevating former starter **David Mayo** back into a prominent role at inside linebacker.

GIANTS NOTES

➤ Safety **Adrian Colbert** (shoulder) and WR **C.J. Board** (concussion) did not

practice. CB **Darnay Holmes** (neck) and wide receiver **Darius Slayton** (foot) would have been limited if Tuesday's walk-through was a regular practice. The Eagles listed 11 players on their injury report.

➤ The Giants signed defensive end **Jabal Sheard** off the Jaguars' practice squad, but lost practice-squad safety **Sean Chandler** to the Panthers.

Sheard, who has 51.5 sacks in 135 career games, crossed paths with Judge and defensive coordinator **Patrick Graham** in New England. He will join the active roster after passing COVID-19 entry protocols.

Chandler played in three games this season and 32 career for the Giants but is reunited in Carolina with **Matt Rhule**, his former coach at Temple.

McCarthy losing control in Dallas

Mike McCarthy has lost his starting quarterback and he may be losing his locker room, too.

The first-year Cowboys coach couldn't have scripted a worse start. His team is 2-4, his defense is a disaster, Dak Prescott is out for the season and now unnamed players are criticizing his staff.

One player told NFL Network the staff is "totally unprepared. They don't teach. They don't have any sense of adjusting on the fly."

Another said: "They just aren't good at their jobs."

It's getting late early in Dallas after the ugly 38-10 Monday night loss to the Cardinals. Without Prescott, they can no longer count on the offense to bail out the terrible defense, which has allowed at least 34 points in five of its games. There is some good news: The Cowboys' next two games are against Washington and the Eagles. If anyone can help fix Dallas, it is the brutal NFC East.

— Zach Braziller

long-suffering Jets fans

DC: I would think Jets fans would be happy that Tom Brady is no longer in their division.

JF: So would I, Doc, if the Jets were a competent team. This should have been when we were ready to take over the division. It is Sam Darnold's third year. This is when everything should have been built up around him. There should be great receivers and a great offensive line. They should have a good defense and good coaching. Instead, I have to watch Josh Allen get all of that in Buffalo. The Bills are going to humiliate the Jets on Sunday and I'm going to have to hear from Bills fans about how they are the only real team in New York. Have you ever been to Buffalo? It's Canada with chicken wings.

DC: Your friends don't comfort you

after Jets losses?

JF: Comfort me? Are you for real? Going to work on Monday morning is torture. I have to relive every stupid thing the Jets did the day before. The 28-yard sack. The 80-yard touchdown the defense gave up on the first play. It never ends. Sure, the Giants stink, too, but at least they look like an NFL team. If you're a Jets fan, you're a punching bag right now. Do you realize this team has not been two games above .500 since 2015, Doc? I have not seen a home playoff game since 2002. The Jets have not even sniffed the playoffs in five years.

DC: Maybe you should consider rooting for another team.

JF: I can't, Doc. Maybe it's a sickness, but I am loyal to this team no matter how bad it is. I froze in the upper deck

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at Shea in my Richard Todd jersey. I was there when Ken O'Brien threw for 479 yards and four touchdowns against Dan Marino. I suffered through the fake spike and Kotite and Doug Brien and Gholston and the Buttfumble and Geno. I can't give up now ... and have you seen this Trevor Lawrence kid?

DC: Are you sure he's going to leave school?

JF: That's it. I told my wife therapy wouldn't work.

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NF-SEA CHANGE

Once-winless Giants in East showdown

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

Jabrill Peppers has experienced both the agonizing slog toward a winless season and the juice created by big games.

It's the short four-day turnaround between the two ends of the spectrum that's new.

Had Peppers not helped break up a pass on a two-point conversion attempt in the final minute of a win Sunday, the Giants would be staring at their second 0-6 start in eight years. Instead the winner of Giants-Eagles on Thursday night will match the two-win Cowboys atop the NFC East — a long way from last week's fears of an 0-16 season.

"That thought never crossed my mind," said Peppers, who was part of the 0-16 Browns in 2017. "I just knew it was a matter of time. I felt like we were shooting ourselves in the foot more than we were losing ballgames. Being in the thick of things, that's just the way the league is. You've got to take care of your business and don't leave your fate in anybody else's hands."

The Giants have lost seven straight and 11 of 12 to the Eagles, and seven straight to the Cowboys. The only path to the playoffs this season is winning the NFL's worst division — and that means halting those skids.

"Salute to Brian Dawkins and [Michael] Strahan and all these guys, but they are not going to help us out Thursday night," Giants safety Logan Ryan said. "Our division is winnable, and we have to win some games in our division to put ourselves in position at



STRIKING DISTANCE: After Joe Judge (right) earned his first win last weekend, his Giants now head to Philadelphia to take on Carson Wentz (top left) in what's suddenly a key NFC East matchup. Said safety Logan Ryan (above): "Our division is winnable, and we have to win some games in our division to put ourselves in position at the end of the year to strike."

N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg (2); AP

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the end of the year to strike."

Ryan is a two-time Super Bowl champion.

"The thing I learned from playing in a lot of games in my career is: Don't make them too big," Ryan said. "Any time you are in prime time it's big enough. Everybody is watching. You are going to get a text from your third-grade science teacher about how they taught you how to do it."

The Giants' starting safeties grew up 90 minutes apart in New Jersey, but Peppers' na-

tive East Orange is Giants country and Ryan's native Voorhees is Eagles country.

"I understand the rivalry in this division. I grew up in it," Ryan said. "I'm bleeding blue all day for this one and I'm excited to upset a lot of family, friends and whoever may be watching. If they are not on my side, they are on the wrong side."

A COVID-19-restricted crowd of 7,500, including some of Giants coach Joe Judge's friends and family from the Philadelphia suburbs, will be inside Lincoln Financial Field.

"I don't think anyone in the division needs any motivation to play anyone else in the division," Judge said. "This is a big Thursday night game. It'll be a big atmosphere for us. We're

just trying to go 1-0 this week."

The aftermath of an eye-popping "Monday Night Football" result — Cardinals 38, Cowboys 10 — is the NFC East has five total wins: Cowboys (2-4), Eagles (1-4-1), Giants (1-5) and Washington (1-5). Three of those wins are head-to-head. Five NFL teams have five wins all on their own.

In a non-strike-shortened season, only two losing teams have made the playoffs. Both had seven wins, but the NFC East could be won at 6-10. All the potshots taken at the division on social media don't take away from a first-place battle.

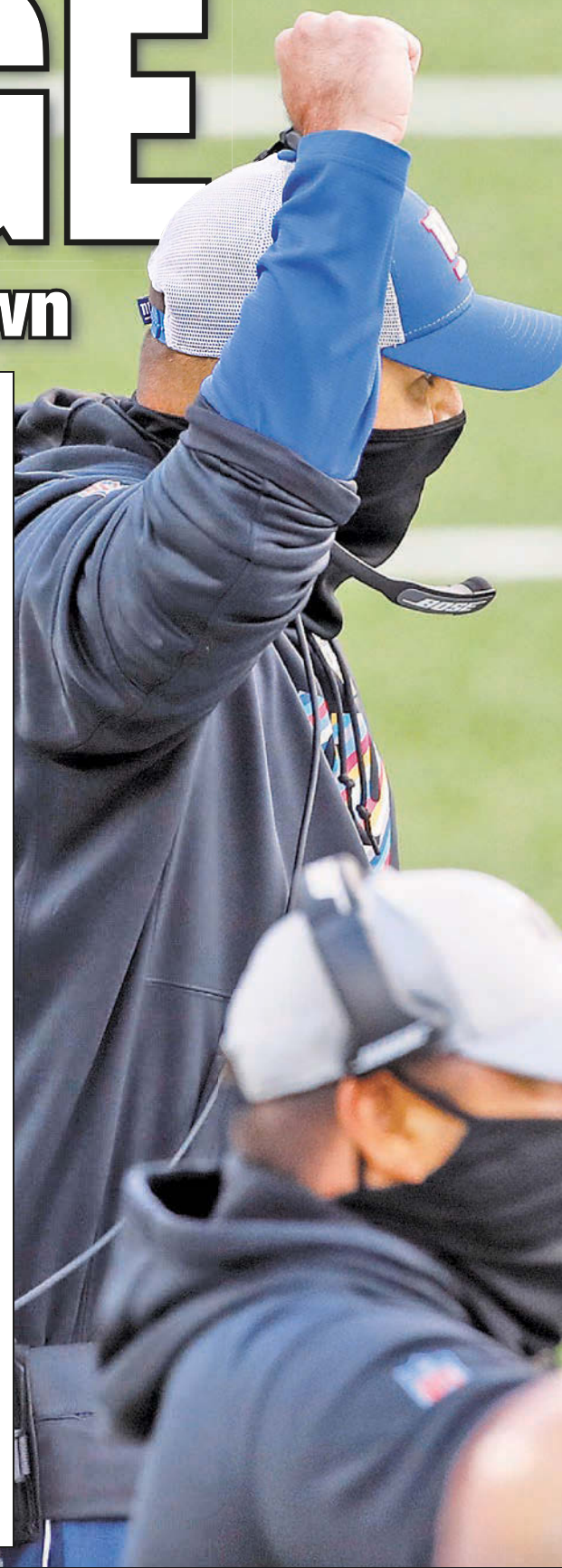
"We know what's at stake and we're looking forward to it," Peppers said. "It's 'Thursday Night Football' with a lot on the line. I would hope everybody is excited about that. It's definitely time to start to get the ball rolling."

Starved Giants fans haven't tuned in for a game with post-season implications since a 2016 wild-card loss to the Packers. So, the 10-team Trevor Lawrence Sweepstakes can wait at least a week.

"I've told the players from the very beginning of the season, 'It's a long year,'" Judge said. "If you get too focused on looking down at the end stretch at this point right here, you don't see the light at the end of the tunnel. No matter what happened last Sunday, we need to come in with the same mindset to improve individually, which will lead to our collective rise."

The Giants. On the rise? What a difference four days make.

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HERE'S the best news about Daniel Jones: We know it's in there.

We know what the Giants second-year quarterback can do, because we've seen him do it.

We know Jones can put the team on his shoulders and carry it, because we saw it on several occasions in 2019.



Mark Cannizzaro

Like when he threw for 336 yards and two touchdowns in his first career start and rallied the Giants to a comeback win over the Buccaneers in Week 3.

Like when he threw for 332 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions against the Lions, threw for another four scores, no interceptions and 308 yards against the Jets, and for five TDs, no INTs and 352 yards against Washington.

Jones can sling it.

He just hasn't been doing a lot of slinging this season under new head coach Joe Judge and offensive coordinator Jason Garrett.

The question is whether he'll do it against the 1-4-1 Eagles on Thursday night at Lincoln Financial Field in what amusingly has become a potential season-turning *showdown* for first place in the NFC (L)East.

The Eagles have shown a vulnerability against the pass this season, allowing opposing quarterbacks to complete 68.8 percent of their passes, while throwing 11 TDs to only 2 INTs and averaging 253.4 passing yards per game.

Jones, meanwhile, has not been throwing the ball down the field this season the way he was in 2019, and the reason



GROWING PAINS: Quarterback Daniel Jones hasn't been throwing downfield as often in his second season, however the turnovers that plagued him as a rookie still remain a problem. N.Y. Post: Charles Wenzelberg

Jones needs aggression, but without the turnovers

likely is two-fold: new coaches and a new system and a more cautious approach he's taking to try to eliminate his turnover issues.

A year ago, Jones had five 300-yard passing games in his 12 starts and only three games when he didn't eclipse 200 yards. But he turned the ball over 23 times (12 INTs and 11 lost fumbles in 2019).

This season through six

games, he has three games in which he hasn't passed for 200 or more yards and none in which he's thrown for 300 or more.

Is this because Judge and Garrett's system is more conservative?

Or has Jones been so conscious about trying to protect the ball that it's curbed his aggression?

"That's the challenge as a

quarterback — understanding when to try to make those plays and when not to," Jones said Tuesday. "It's important to learn from your mistakes, but not to let them affect your aggression or the opportunity to make some of those plays, and I don't think I have. I think I've taken them when they've been there. I'll continue to improve with that."

It's a fine line that Jones, as

well as Judge and Garrett, walk. This Giants offense, without star running back Saquon Barkley for the season because of his knee injury, is ranked 31st in the league in points scored, averaging only 16.8 per game.

So, the Giants desperately need more big plays, scoring plays. They need Jones to sling it and create those plays that hopefully turn into more points.

Yet, the turnovers that plagued Jones in his rookie season haven't vanished. He's thrown six INTs and lost three fumbles — nine turnovers in six games. Through 16 games at this rate, that would add up to one more than the 23 he committed last season.

"That's kind of the job in a sense ... you need to be able to protect the football and be aggressive and aggressively take what they give you as a quarterback," Jones said.

"Daniel has done a good job operating what the game plan is and the plays that have been called for him," Judge said Tuesday. "We want him to be aggressive, we just want him to be smart. There [are] times where our game plan may include throwing the thing down the field on deep passes. There [are] times where maybe nickel-and-diming a little bit, get the ball to some guys underneath, let them catch and run the ball."

"Whatever the defense presents us with and the opportunity arises, Daniel's job really is to facilitate the other players by getting them the ball when they're open. We're not really worried about stats here."

The thing is, though: Stats, such as a lot of passing yards and TD passes and not a lot of turnovers, will lead to more games won.

And that, of course, is the only stat that matters.

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Shepard back at practice, could return Thursday

By RYAN DUNLEAVY

The Giants haven't found their Travis Fulgham, so fingers are crossed for Sterling Shepard.

Shepard (turf toe) was on the practice field during Tuesday's one-hour walk-through for the first time since he went on injured reserve Sept. 23. Even without a full practice in more than four weeks, the Giants are hopeful Shepard made enough progress with trainers over the last two weeks that he can play Thursday against the Eagles.

"It would be great to have him back," quarterback Daniel Jones said. "He's obviously a special player and can do a lot of different things. But we've had guys step

up and play really well in that spot. Regardless of who's out there, it's up to us to execute."

The numbers don't back up Jones' kind words. Damion Ratley and C.J. Board were the primary fill-ins and combined for 11 catches for 129 yards on 252 offensive snaps. Neither Ratley (released) nor Board (concussion) are available against the Eagles.

In fact, the Giants have just three healthy receivers if Shepard doesn't play: Darius Slayton (25 catches for 406 yards and three touchdowns), Golden Tate (19 catches for 156 yards) and Austin Mack (one catch for 1 yard). They could

call up Alex Bachman, Binjimen Victor or Derrick Dillon — none of whom have NFL game experience — from the practice squad by 4 p.m. Thursday.

Shepard remains on IR (and off the official injury report) for now, and the Giants have a 21-day window to add him to the 53-man roster. His status for Thursday could be decided 90 minutes before kickoff.

"He's an extremely explosive guy," Jones said. "I think he's as good of a route runner as there is in the league with what he can do in getting open and then catching the ball. You can trust him to separate from

guys. He's a tough guy to cover one-on-one."

The Giants won't get any sympathy from the Eagles on injuries at receiver. The Eagles' projected starting trio of Alshon Jeffrey, DeSean Jackson and Jalen Reagor have combined to play five games and miss 13.

But the Eagles struck gold with Fulgham, who has 18 catches for 284 yards and three touchdowns in three games since he was elevated from the practice squad. With tight end Zach Ertz also sidelined, Fulgham, who was cut by the Lions and Packers in August, is the new favorite target for quarterback Carson Wentz.

With no such gem uncovered, the Giants are relying on Shepard's recovery.



STERLING SHEPARD



The “MDA Kevin Hart Kids Telethon,” streaming Sunday (8-10 p.m.) on various platforms such as YouTube, Pluto TV and Facebook, has added a slew of celebrities, including Common (left), Cindy Crawford and Whitney Cummings.

WHO'S THE BOSS
Actor and comedian Lil Rel Howery has joined kweliTV as its Head of Comedy and will produce original comedy programming for the platform.

TV Wednesday

A MINE OF HIS OWN

Dig the new ‘Gold Rush’ crew led by military veteran Fred Lewis

By MICHAEL STARR

THIS group of “Gold Rush” miners is like none of their predecessors on the top-rated Discovery series.

“Gold Rush” returns Friday for Season 11 with a two-hour episode (8-10 p.m.) and a new mining boss: Fred Lewis, a former special forces medical sergeant and linguist who’s assembled a team of five veteran pals to dig for gold in a ghost town near Sumpter, Ore.

“They’ve all overcome obstacles,” says Lewis, 42, who took a bullet to the helmet in Afghanistan. “What we’re trying to do is to give them a new drive in life, a new purpose. Two guys were set to go to the police academy and COVID stopped that. I was supposed to be in the Yukon but the border was closed due to COVID. I also coach high school wrestling and that stopped.

“We were forced to fend for ourselves,” he says. “Not to sound cliched, but it was ‘s-t or get off the pot’ and this was probably the best time to do this.”

The Lewis team comprises battle-scarred veterans Kendell Madden (Air Force); Stuart McKenzie, a

former infantry sniper whose hand was blown off by a roadside bomb then re-attached (he’s now a body-builder); Stefan Generally, a Green Beret who served for 26 years with 12 deployments; Kyle Pletzke, whose pelvis was shattered in a rollover accident in Afghanistan; and John Stanz, a former Marine raider with two Purple Hearts who was in a coma after being blown up by a roadside bomb. “He was given 0 percent chance of living and they said he’d never talk,” says Lewis. “Now he’s he’s super-obnoxious.”

While this is his first time as a mine boss, Lewis is very familiar with the “Gold Rush” world. Three years ago, he accompanied series star Parker Schnabel to Papua, New Guinea as his security chief and medic, then worked behind the scenes on “Gold Rush” last season (in the Yukon). He

also traveled with Schnabel to Australia.

“I saw how gold affects villages and started to get interested and was picking up more and more [about mining] and thinking about what I could do,” he says. When COVID put an end to his Yukon sojourn,

Lewis was asked to assemble a team. “My thought was always that I wanted to do this with a team of vets,” he says. “I knew we could pull this together. I pitched it to Discovery this July and three weeks later was chosen as the next mine boss.

“We went right into the gauntlet,” he says, “right from pitching it to meeting the claim owners and negotiating the lease. I financed all of this with my own money and with two of my other veteran friends...between the three of us we pooled our money and invested in the opportunity. A lot of people think Discovery pays for

everything — this is all us.”

And, with Lewis acutely aware of gold prices being very high, he prepared himself to embark on his mining expedition.

“I had to run my own intel,” he says. “I thought outside the box. I did a lot of research on the largest gold reserves near me [in Eastern Washington], spending lots of time on microfiche trying regarding historical data and finding this area that’s a ghost town... that was never mined before. I used to teach high school biology and we tested some ash that was 4,000 years old in ground that had never been dug.

“This season is a great success as far as the operation,” he says. “We’re living the American dream, up in a ghost town, and we’re the only residents. No matter how much gold we find, we’re all going to benefit.”

Lewis, whose wife Khara also served in the military (former psychological operations), says he hasn’t seen any of his episodes yet.

“I like to watch it on TV for the first time,” he says. “On Friday at 8 we’ll be about 260 people at a local bar for the premiere party. We’re going to watch it — then wake up the next morning and go mining.”



Fred Lewis (top) and, above right, with Kendell Madden.

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Two more



HBO will air two new episodes of “Euphoria” to bridge the gap until the premiere of Season 2 in 2021. The first episode airs Dec. 6 at 9 p.m. with stars Zendaya and Hunter Schafer (above, left and right). It’s called “Trouble Don’t Last Always” as Rue (Zendaya) celebrates Christmas.

It’s grounded



Netflix has cancelled “Away” after one season. The mission-to-Mars drama starred Hilary Swank (above) as an astronaut conflicted about her three-year journey into outer-space due to problems at home with her husband (Josh Charles) and her teenage daughter (Talitha Bateman).

MARCELA AVELINA
WHAT I'M WATCHING



“I’m currently watching ‘I May Destroy You.’ I love how raw this series is. Michaela Coel has such a brilliant mind and watching her writing come to life is fascinating, hilarious and heartbreaking all at the same time. I have immense admiration for her and all that she is doing.
— Avelina stars in “Grand Army” on Netflix and has a new single, “Took Me Out.”

What's on Tonight



SITCOM

The Goldbergs: 8 p.m. on WABC 7. Beverly plans a surprise family vacation to Miami; Adam (Sean Giambrone, above) returns to school as a cool senior.



MOVIE

The Beast of the City: 9:30 p.m. on TCM. Walter Huston. A new police chief embarks on a crusade to rid his city of corrupt politicians and gangsters.



MOVIE

Drumline: 11:30 p.m. on VH1. Nick Cannon. A gifted drummer from Harlem is given a college scholarship but his ego and attitude leads to trouble.

Wednesday October 21, 2020

Evening	SP	C	F	6:30pm	7:00pm	7:30pm	8:00pm	8:30pm	9:00pm	9:30pm	10:00pm	10:30pm	11:00pm	11:30pm	
2 WCBS	2	2	2	CBS News Norah	Inside Edition	Entertainment Tonight	Big Brother		The Amazing Race: Bogotá, Colombia.		S.W.A.T.: Former unit leader. (R)		CBS 2 News at 11PM	(11:35) Late Show	
4 WNBC	4	4	4	NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	All Access	The Wall: A married couple competes.		American Ninja Warrior: "Salmon Ladder" and "Warped Wall."		News 4 New York at 11		(11:35) Tonight Show		
5 WNYW	5	5	5	25 Words or Less	Extra	FOX Pregame Live.	2020 World Series: Game 2 Live.					FOX 5 News at 10	The Big Bang Theory		
7 WABC	7	7	7	ABC World News	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Goldbergs: Beverly plans a family vacation.		The Conners	black-ish	The Con: A woman asks for money.		News	(11:35) Kimmel Live	
9 WWOR	9	9	9	The Big Bang Theory	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Dateline: A teenager's father calls the police.		Dateline: A Pennsylvania mother disappears.		Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	Family Feud (R)	
11 WPIX	11	11	11	The Goldbergs	black-ish	black-ish: Jury duty.	Devils: Massimo investigates Dominic's activity.		Coroner: Lab assistant's death is investigated.		PIX11 News at Ten with Fadal and Chambers		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	
13 WNET	13	13	13	BBC World News	The PBS NewsHour		Nature		NOVA		The Age of Nature		Amanpour and Company		
21 WLIW	21	21	21	(6:00) News	Metro	Antiques	The War: Battle in the forests of Germany.					Spirits (R)	Metro	BBC World	
25 WNYE	25	22	25	Report	92Y on NYCLife		Secrets NY	New York	Neighbor	Eat Harlem	\$9.99	Story in	Speakeasy		
31 WPXN	31	3	531	(6:00) Blue	Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		Blue Bloods		
41 WXTV	41	6	41	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe		Médicos, línea de vida		Imperio de mentiras		Dulce ambición		Noticias 41	Noticiero	
47 WNJU	47	16	12	Noticias	La Alfombra Roja de		Los Premios Billboards de la		Música Latina 2020				Noticiero	Billboard	
55 WLNY	55	10	10	Queens	Man	Man	Drew Barrymore		WLNY News at 9PM		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Girls	Girls	
A&E	46	46	181	Apollo 13 (1995): Problem in space. PG			The Magnificent Seven (2016): Seven men hired to protect town. PG-13 ★★★					(11:04) The First 48 (R)			
AMC	54	43	231	(6:00) Friday the 13th (1980) R ★★½			Friday the 13th, Part II (1981): Being stalks camp. R			The Amityville Horror (2005): Haunted house. R ★★½					
BET	37	54	270	(5:30) Meet the Browns (2008) PG-13 ★½			Payne	Assisted	Tyler Perry's Sistas		Games People Play (R)		Tyler Perry's Sistas (R)		
BBCAM	71	101	189	(5:00) The Fifth Element (1997) ★★★½			The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (2012): Quest to reclaim kingdom from dragon. Martin Freeman. ★★★½								
BRAVO	18	44	185	Below (R)	Below Deck (R)		Housewives of Orange		Housewives of Orange		Watch What	Real Housewives (R)		Below Deck	
CNBC	15	24	102	Money	The News		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		
CNN	78	25	100	Situation	Erin Burnett OutFront		Anderson Cooper 360°		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight with Don		CNN Tonight with Don		
COM	45	50	190	South Park	South Park	South Park	(8:20) South Park (R)		South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Daily Show	South Park	
DIS	49	31	250	Jessie	Raven (R)	Raven (R)	Terror	Big City (R)	Liv Maddie	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Big City (R)	Raven (R)	Raven (R)	
DSC	66	27	120	Exp Unknown	Expedition Unknown (R)			Back to the DeLorean		Expedition X (R)		(10:01) Expedition X (R)		(11:01) Expedition X (R)	
E!	24	51	196	(12:00) Kim Kardashian West's Birthday Celebration			With the Kardashians					Nightly Pop	Kardashian		
ESPN	28	36	70	Sports	Baseball Tonight		UFC Countdown		30 for 30: Vick (Part 2)			SportsCenter with Scott			
ESPN2	29	35	74	(6:00) Daily	NBA: The Jump		Heisman Trophy Preview		2020 Death Replay.		UFC Countdown		NFL Live		
FBN	43	106	117	Evening Ed	Lou Dobbs Tonight (R)		Kennedy		The Evening Edit (R)		Lou Dobbs Tonight (R)		Kennedy (R)		
FNC	44	26	118	Spc. Rpt.	The Story		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		News @ Night		
FOOD	50	97	164	Grocery (R)	Guy's Grocery Games (R)		Guy's Grocery Games (R)		Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (R)		Guy's Grocery Games (R)		
FREFRM	38	49	199	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	Simpsons	The 700 Club (R)		
FS1	400	99	83	NASCAR	Pregame	NFL Films	NFL	Breaking	Magnify		Copa MX: Final, 1st Leg: Monterrey at Tijuana. Live.				
FX	10	40	53	Maze Runner: The Death Cure (2018)			The First Purge (2018): Crime experiment. R ★★			The Purge: Election Year (2016): Senator fights. R ★★★					
HALL		191	240	(6:00) Under the Autumn Moon (2018)			A Country Wedding (2015): Musician's future. NR ★★★			Golden	Golden	Golden	Golden		
HGTV	64	98	165	Good Bones	Good Bones (R)		Brother vs. Brother		Brother vs. Brother		Hunters	Hunters	Hunters (R)	Hunters (R)	
HIST	40	47	128	Cnt Cars	Cnt Cars	Cnt Cars	Counting Cars (R)		Counting Cars		(10:03) Counting Cars (R)		Cnt Cars	Cnt Cars	
ID	23	171	123	(6:00) Web	Web of Lies (R)		Web of Lies (R)		Gone Viral	Gone Viral	Chaos in Court		20/20 on ID (R)		
LIFE	62	45	140	Wife Swap	Married (R)	Married	Married at First Sight: Spouse concerns.			(10:03) Married at First Sight: Cast reunites. (R)					
MeTV	33	33	3	Happy Days	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Andy	Andy	Pyle	Acres	Hogan	Hogan	Burnett	P. Mason	
MSG	27	87	78	NY Giants	MLS Soccer Replay.		NY Giants First & 10		NY Giants First & 10		Giants (R)	Joe Judge	NBA Basketball Replay.		
MSG Plus	48	88	80	The Kings	Prime Time Action Live.			Glory Kickboxing: Glory Collision 1 Taped.							
MSNBC	14	23	103	Ari Melber	The ReidOut		All in with Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow		Lawrence O'Donnell		The 11th Hour		
MTV	20	53	210	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	2020 CMT Music Awards: Nominees receive music awards.					Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	
NATGEO	65	162	121	Locked Up	Locked Up Abroad (R)			Locked Up Abroad (R)		Locked Up Abroad		Locked Up Abroad (R)		Locked Up Abroad (R)	
NICK	6	121	252	Loud House	Loud House	Loud House	SpongeBob	Casagrande	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	
OWN	173	180	145	Tamron	20/20 Homicide (R)		Aaron Hernandez		Aaron Hernandez		Aaron Hernandez		Aaron Hernandez		
PARMT	36	56	54	(6:32) Men	Men	Two and a Half Men			2020 CMT Music Awards		(10:20) A Few Good Men (1992): Soldier is murdered.				
SNY	26	60	77	College Football Replay.			Yeah ...		Broadway Boxing		Sports				
SYFY	17	48	180	(6:00) Back to the Future (1985): Changing the past.			Back to the Future Part II (1989): A teen travels into the future. PG			Back to Future Part III PG					
TBS	8	39	52	Family Guy	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Bang	Full Frontal	Conan (R)	Full Frontal	
TCM	82	41	230	Dr. Kildare's Crisis (1940) NR ★★½			Hard to Handle (1933) James Cagney.		The Beast of the City (1932) NR ★★★		They Live by Night (1949)				
TLC	52	28	139	1000-lb (R)	1000-lb Sisters (R)			1000-lb Sisters (R)		1000-lb Sisters (R)		1000-lb Sisters (R)			
TNT	3	37	51	Edge of Tomorrow (2014): Time loop.			All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite			The Misery		The Misery	The Nun (2018) R ★★½		
TVLAND	85	34	241	(6:24) Andy	Andy	Andy	2020 CMT Music Awards: Music awards.			Queens		Queens	Queens	Queens	
USA	16	38	50	(6:00) NCIS			WWE NXT Live.			(10:08) Boo 2!: A Madea Halloween (2017) PG-13 ★					
VH1	19	52	217	Love Don't Cost a Thing (2003): Hiring a girlfriend. ★★			Love & Basketball (2000): Players follow their hoop dreams to USC. Omar Epps.		Drumline						
WE	59	42	149	Law & Ordr	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		
YES	53	89	76	M. Kay	Yankees	Forbes	Baseball Stories J. Stark		Baseball Stories J. Stark		Baseball Stories J. Stark		Baseball Stories J. Stark		
EPIX	595	395	Britannia	Rudy (1993): Boy dreams of playing football. PG ★★½			NFL		(9:45) NFL: The Grind (R)		The Natural (1984) Robert Redford. ★★★				
HBO	511	301	400	S. Holmes			(7:10) Replicas (2019): Biologist wants family back.			537 Votes (2020): Elian Gonzalez. NR		(10:45) David Byrne's American Utopia			
MAX	531	371	420	(5:45) John Wick: Chapter 3 (2019) ★★★½			Texas Chainsaw Massacre (2006) R ★★½		Sanctum (2011): Team stuck in caves. R		(11:20) Red Dawn (1984)				
SHO	551	321	365	(6:15) Armageddon (1998): Oil rig workers must destroy asteroid.			The Comey Rule: Controversial cases.			The Comey Rule: Collision course. (R)					

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TEXAS TWO-STOMP

Cody Bellinger, who injured his shoulder celebrating his go-ahead homer in Game 7 of the NLCS, does a little jig with Mookie Betts after his two-run homer in the fourth inning jump-started the Dodgers to an 8-3 win over the Rays in Game 1 of the World Series in Arlington, Texas. PAGES 45-42



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